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If we were ever up we have "come down," if the number of people that crowd our store is an evidence. They have picked up some rare bargains during the past week, and we have put out some extra values this week and we want you to

"Come Down."

In order to give our customers a chance to do some extra shopping we will keep our store

Open Every Night

UNTIL

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DOLLS.

We have the prettiest line of Dolls ever seen in this city. Few merchants are so fortunate as to find a really pretty line of DOLLS, but chance has favored us and our Dolls have pretty features, and every type of perfect beauty is represented in the line. They are here from 25c to $15.00.

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Oat Meal Sets, Dutch Sugar Bowls, Fancy Cake Plates, Butter Plates, Cut Glass Vinegar Bottles, Japanese Cracker Jars, Tea Caddies, Rose Jars, Flower Vases, Tooth Pick Holders, Wedge wood Pitchers and other articles in endless variety.

Handkerchiefs.

We have always sold an immense number of Handkerchiefs during the holidays. We are prepared this season for larger sales. We have imported real Lace Handkerchiefs, also Embroidered, Linen and Silk in initial and plain, 5c to $3.50 each.

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Covers 75c to $5.00.

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Stamped Linens.

Novelty Dress Goods,

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We call special attention to our line of KID GLOVES. We carry the very best makes and guarantee a perfect fit when fitted at our counters.

Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery.

Blankets, Comforts and Underwear.

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The public cordially invited to visit our establishment during the evening.

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All Day To-day,

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dec 15 tf THE DRUGGIST.

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Port Almanac—December 15.

Sun Rises	7.03 A M
Sun Sets	4.47 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	6.41 P M
High Water at Wilmington	8.38 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 38°; 8 p. m., 35°; maximum, 43°; minimum, 32°; mean 39°.

Rainfall for the day .0; rainfall for the month up to date, .60.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair; warmer westerly winds.

The barometer has fallen in the Northern States east of the Mississippi and in the lower Mississippi valley; it has risen along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains and fallen rapidly on the North Pacific coast, where a severe storm now prevails. The storms on the Atlantic coast has caused severe gales on the New England coast during the day but it is apparently moving to the northeastward.

It is warmer in all districts east of the Mississippi and colder at Rocky Mountain stations.

Generally fair weather will prevail on Sunday, except possibly local showers in Southeast Texas.

OUTLINES

The funeral of the late Allen G. Thurman took place from the family residence at Columbus, Ohio; Gov. McKinley and other State officials were present. —— The court house at Murphy, Cherokee county, was burned, but all the records were saved. —— Hon. Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania, died from the effects of poison taken by mistake for other medicine. —— Speaker Reed is busily engaged in arranging the House committees; it is not likely that they will be announced before next Saturday. —— The North Carolina Methodist Conference has selected Raleigh as the place where the next Conference will be held. —— President Cleveland is expected to arrive in Washington to night. —— C. H. Hassell, the Beaufort insurance swindler, has been convicted in the second case against him. —— James B. Pace, banker and capitalist, of Richmond, Va., makes an assignment; liabilities $900,000, with assets ample to meet all obligations. —— Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, is a candidate for nomination for the Presidency by the Republican National Convention. —— A silver league has been organized in Nebraska for the approaching campaign. —— A freight train on the Cincinnati Southern was wrecked, killing two men. —— New York markets: Money on call was quoted at 1½@2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling gulf 8 13-16c; middling 8 9-16c; Southern flour dull but steady—common to fair extra $3.10@2 80; good to choice $3.90@3.00; wheat—spot weaker and quiet; No. 2 red in store and at elevator 69c; afloat 70½@70⅝c; corn was weak and quiet—No. 2 at elevator 38¾c; afloat 84¾c; spirits turpentine quiet and firm at 27½@38c; rosin quiet and steady.

It isn't all fun fighting the "savages" down in Africa. Recently the Abyssinian gentlemen got away with the Italian gentlemen, coralled and killed a lot of them.

A Chicago court has recently decided that a Pullman car porter is an employe of the company. The general impression was that the porter owned the whole concern.

They say Speaker Reed is a changed man. He is not the same man at all since he cut off that moustache. It wasn't much of a moustache, but it was a moustache.

A London woman has announced that the Lord has made a revelation to her the sum and substance of which was that the Lord can't stand the sight of bloomers. Shuck 'em, girls; shuck 'em.

The Atlanta *Journal* says the prospects are good for an amendment of the State bank bill now before the Legislature that will make it possible to test the constitutionality of the bank tax.

A contemporary asks, "Have the Republicans a policy?" Of course they have. It is to go for anything valuable in sight which they can yank without risk of getting into the penitentiary.

Pietzel, the man for whose murder Holmes is to be hanged in Philadelphia, is said to have turned up again in Chicago. Judicially he is dead, but he doesn't seem to know it. If he is dead he ought to stay dead, and if not he ought to quit fooling before the noose does the business for his whilom partner in deviltry.

The State Grange of Michigan at its late annual meeting passed a resolution demanding the free coinage of gold and silver. They believe in bimetallism and declare that the coinage of both metals without discrimination is the only genuine bimetallism.

The Sultan didn't want to let Said Pasha slip his grip because he was the "possessor of too many impotent secrets." The Sultan may by and by come to the conclusion that those secrets would be safer with Said under the ground and then Said will go under.

The actor, J. K. Emmet, is suing for a divorce from his wife on the ground of cruelty and desertion. She left him because she was unwilling to remain in sufficient proximity to be filled with lead when he gets exhilarated.

England proposes to bar out American sheep on the pretence that they are scabby. It isn't the scab so much as the desire to pander to the English sheep-raisers who find the American sheep interfering with their business.

The young Czar of Russia doesn't enjoy playing Czar half as much as he does reading nice books. There isn't near as much fun in the Czar business, while there are so many bomb cranks around, as might be imagined.

The New Orleans papers are howling because their town is infested by gangs of fellows who beg in day time and steal at night. That's what comes from having such a genial winter climate.

Indiana Democrats are beginning to boom Governor Matthews for the Presidency. This is pretty cold weather to be starting out infant booms.

The Kansas City *Star* thinks the public would rather see D. B. Hill in the lecture field than in the Senate. But they don't see him in the Senate much, so they needn't be worried over that.

The Philadelphia *Record* is in the lead with its almanac for 1896, a valuable publication with much useful information conveniently arranged and compactly presented.

Five Chicago Judges recently granted 100 divorces in three hours and it wasn't a right good day for the disjointing business either.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LAND—For sale.
JAS D NUTT—Open all day.
S H FISHBLATE—Clothing.
BRADDY & GAYLORD—Toys.
W B COOPER—Firecrackers.
A D BROWN—"Come down."
WM GOODMAN—$5.00 reward.
D T COGHILL—New telephones.
KATZ & POLVOGT—Threee weeks.
J H REHDER & CO—The best place.
OPERA HOUSE—Minnie Maddern Fiske
MASONIC—Meeting Concord Chapter.
G R FRENCH & SON—Comfortable shoe
A DAVID & CO—Prices revolutionized
HALL & PEARSALL—Seasonable goods.
J L BOATWRIGHT CO—Fine groceries.
ALDERMAN HARDWARE CO.—It is strange.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

HOW to speculate.
P H HAYDEN—Harness, buggies.
A MAVRONICHELS—Candies, fruits.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. M. B. Carr, of Izagora, Fla., is a visitor at The Purcell.

— Capt. J. S. Hartsell, of Norfolk, is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. Joe Newman arrived in the city yesterday to spend Sunday.

— Mr. R. A. Williams, of New York, is in the city at The Purcell.

— Mr. J. A. Carr, of Claxton, Ga., was registered at The Purcell yesterday.

— Mr. Ed. Pechau has accepted a position with the firm of Myers & Lewis

— Mr. O. S. Thayer, of Boston, was among the guests at The Purcell yesterday.

—Mr. W. J. Clemmons, with Messrs. Mercer & Evans, has returned from a business visit South.

— Mr. J. H. Meice, who has been here for some days, returned to Western North Carolina yesterday.

— Miss Laura Weeks and brother, Mr. Walker Weeks, of Southport, spent yesterday with friends in Wilmington.

— Mr. Baron Penton, night clerk of The Purcell, has recovered from an attack of fever and is again at his post.

— Mr. Wm. Huhn, who was kicked by one of the Standard Oil Company's horses, was reported as improving rapidly yesterday.

— Mr. Jonah Hoskins, of Birmingham, Ala., has accepted a position in the machine shops of the Wilmington Iron Works. He is a brother of Mr. Benj. Hoskins of this city.

— The arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: Messrs. R D Gray, Wade H Harris, S M Fechelmer, Cincinnati; J F Lay, Jr., Richmond; J W Ranck, Milton, Pennsylvania; Temple Harris, Lynchburg; A W McLean, Lumberton; Wm S Dower, New York; A McQueen, Rowland; W C Phelps, New York; P B Wilkes, North Carolina; S P Langdon, G T Caul, Cumnock, N C; W C Dodson, North Carolina; Mrs Pullin, Mrs J B Hayb, Southport.

LOCAL DOTS

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— For other locals see fourth page

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— Mr. Jas. D. Nutt's pharmacy will be open to-day.

— The minimum temperature yesterday was 32 degrees.

— The British steamship *Royalist*, from Hamburg, arrived yesterday with cargo of kainit.

— The annual election of officers of Concord Chapter, R. A. M., will be held to-morrow night.

— Merchants report trade improving daily, and much better than December of last year.

— Local forecast: Fair till Monday night; warmer Sunday and Monday; light northerly winds.

— Register of Deeds Haar issued six marriage licenses the past week, four of which were for white couples.

— The Mabel Paige troupe had an excellent week's business here, and enjoyed themselves both on and off the boards.

— Commencing to-morrow, Mr. A. D. Brown's store, North Front street, will be kept open until 9.30 at night during the holidays.

— A special musical programme, vocal and instrumental, will be rendered by a select choir at the First Baptist Church to-night during the regular service.

— Rev. G. D. Bernheim returned last Friday night from the North, and will conduct services in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (Brooklyn) as usual to-day.

— The warrants for Confederate pensioners in this county are in the hands of Register of Deeds Haar for distribution, and can be obtained from him upon application.

— The lowest bidder for carrying the mails in Wilmington between the railway stations and the post-office is William J. Meredith, of Tomahawk, N. C. His bid is $744.00 per year for four years from July 1st, 1896.

— The *News and Observer* says: "There are no more patriotic people in the world than those who live in Fayetteville." Never since it was born has the *N. & O.* compressed more truth in fifteen words.

— Alfred Robinson, the negro charged with felonious assault, was arraigned in Justice Bunting's Court yesterday, and after a thorough investigation of the case Robinson was released from arrest and the case dismissed, the evidence not sustaining the charge.

— If you think the STAR is not very generally read, try an advertisement in it for a bookkeeper. Such an advertisement was given one insertion in the STAR last Thursday, and the responses are pouring in every day. Some of them even come by "special delivery."

— The STAR regrets to hear of the death of Mrs. Blackburn, wife of Mr. Jeff. Blackburn, which occurred at Armour last Friday. She was a daughter of Mr. Augustus Wehrhorn, a former well known and popular citizen of Wilmington, and had many friends in Wilmington.

Death of Capt. Marshall.

The Norfolk *Virginian* of yesterday says:

"Capt. John H. Marshall, a well known coast pilot, living in Brambleton Ward, died in Sanford, Me., yesterday morning. He leaves several children in this city. His remains will be brought here to-day for interment."

This announcement will be read with regret by Capt. Marshall's hosts of friends in Wilmington. He had made frequent visits to this port, and had made himself popular with all who met him. He was a "prince of good fellows," and his death is a real loss to relatives and friends.

It Will Be Allison.

As far back as two years, and several times since, the STAR has ventured the prediction that Wm. B. Allison would be the Republican nominee for President in 1896. The Republican National Committee was polled during its recent meeting with the following result for the three highest candidates: Reed, 11; McKinsly, 10; Allison, 9. The next highest man was Cameron, who received 4 votes. This is not conclusive, but it is a big straw.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Not Much Cotton Hold.

A prominent commission merchant of this city told a STAR representative yesterday that the prevailing impression that large quantities of cotton are held by the producers for higher prices is a mistake, at least so far as the section of country tributary to Wilmington is concerned. He says he has made careful inquiry on the subject, and his conclusion is that very little cotton remains in the hands of the producers.

Seven Dollars From Wilmington to Atlanta and Return.

On December 19th to 25th inclusive, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets from Wilmington to Atlanta, good for five days from date issued, at $7.00, and tickets good for ten days from date issued, $10 70. This gives everybody another chance to visit the Exposition at very low rates.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Fresh Meats Abundant—Game Scarce—Poultry in Fair Supply—Vegetables Poor in Quantity and Quality.

With the exception of fresh meats, the display yesterday afternoon of supplies for the family market basket were rather meagre. The cold weather, perhaps kept market men at home and checked shipments from the country.

The stalls in Front street market were burdened with an abundance of fine beef, pork and mutton, native and Western, the prices ranging from 8c to 12½c per pound; sausage meat and sausage, 10 to 12½c per pound.

Live poultry was in good supply, but dressed fowls and turkeys were scarce and the light stock in dealers' hands inferior. Dressed turkeys sold at 18 to 14c; live, 10c per pound. Chickens, 15 to 20c. and grown fowls, 25c each. Eggs were abundant, but held at 23c per dozen.

Little or no game was on sale; a brace or two of ducks at 75c per pair, and a little venison at 10c per pound, a 'possum or two at 30c apiece, and a few raccoons at 25c.

In the fish market, there were a few small mullets, New River oysters in moderate quantity at 50c per half gallon bucket; Myrtle Grove oysters at 15c, and clams and Sound oysters at 12½c per quart.

The vegetables shown were frozen; lettuce sold at 5c per head; turnips, 5c per bunch; cabbage, 5c per head, and cellery (small bunches) 25c; all raised near the city. Sweet potatoes 15c per peck.

Minnie Maddern Fiske at the Opera House Next Thursday Evening.

At a time when so many of the greater artists of the theatre come from Europe it is a matter for congratulation that an American actress has arisen to contest honors with the most celebrated of those from abroad. And the South particularly will feel pride in this actress because she is a Southern woman. Minnie Maddern Fiske, since she emerged from a retirement of five years a few weeks ago, has everywhere been hailed as the greatest emotional actress in this country, and her work has been estimated by the leading critics in the large cities of the North with praise as unqualified as that which has been bestowed upon such actresses as Bernhardt and Duse. Mrs. Fiske is peculiarly fortunate on her return to the theatre in having a new play that fits her distinguished dramatic ability perfectly. It is called "The Queen of Liars," was written by Alphonse Daudet, the great French author, in collaboration with Leon Hennique, a noted French dramatist, and was adapted by Harrison Grey Fiske, editor of the New York *Dramatic Mirror*. This attraction is playing the entire South at advanced prices. This being Mrs. Fiske's first appearance in this city arrangements have been effected making the price here $1.00 for reserved seats, the sale of which opens Tuesday morning at Yates'.

A PUBLIC PARK.

Twenty-five Acres of Land Will Be Donated to the City—Why Not Act at Once?

A gentleman of this city offered some time sime since to donate to the city fifteen, twenty or twenty-five acres of land for a public park, provided the city would spend $3,000 per year for five years in improving the property. This gentleman informed a STAR reporter yesterday that he would renew his offer.

The land is situated on the turnpike, just beyond the corporate limits, and includes the Mineral Spring property, where a beautiful lake or pond could be formed at trifling cost.

The STAR has often called attention to the importance of this park question, and it takes occasion now to ask the city authorities if the proposition mentioned is not worthy of immediate consideration. Possibly, the gentleman who offers the land will modify the conditions so that the city might expend $1,000 per year for ten years in improvements, instead of $3 000 per year for five years.

The STAR hopes that the park question will be brought before the Board of Aldermen at its next regular meeting, which will be held on the 6th of January.

The Street Railway.

The Street Railway Company has completed the extension of its line and in the next few days will run cars around the circle. Managers Gouverneur and Skelding were quick to act after they received the franchise from the city allowing them the privilege, and have shown their appreciation by hustling the work. Another improvement which the public will be glad to learn of is that every car has been equipped with electrical heating apparatus, which generates a very comfortable degree of heat.

The STAR is informed the company is considering other extensive improvements to the line.

The Nimrods Return.

Capt. Wade Harris and Mr. Ransom Gray returned yesterday from Stump Sound and thereabouts. Through a series of mis-connections of trains and boats they had only one full day's hunt, and were sadly disappointed in the general result. They left for their home in Charlotte yesterday afternoon. Wade looked a veritable "Knight of the Rueful Countenance" as he sat in the STAR office recounting his mournful adventures.

Onion Osculations.

Onion socials are the latest fad. They are described ar follows: Six young ladies stand in a row, one of them bites a piece of onion and the gentlemen pay 10 cents apiece to guess who bit it. The correct guessers kiss the other five girls, while the unsuccessful kiss the one that bit the onion. There are no blanks in this lottery. The onion socials are said to be very popular, and we do not doubt it. Even the girl who bites the "ingun" has her share of the fun.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

EXAMINATIONS AT AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.

Gen. Miles' Visit—Wake County's Financial Condition—Internal Revenue Seizure—Marshal Carroll Leaves for Brooklyn With Two United States Prisoners—Pitt Court Adjourned on Account of Feeble Health of Judge McIver.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14, 1895.

The County Commissioners were called in special session to-day to consider the matter of replacing the old covered bridge over Crabtree Creek, three miles from Raleigh. This bridge is the oldest landmark in the county and has stood the test of time when hundreds of other structures have gone with the storm. The bridge has been condemned.

Mr. D. W. Merritt will be appointed chief clerk of the court on January 1st. Mr. Young has been clerk of the court since the last election, but he has not been able to do away with his chief clerk, Mr. Moye, until this time. Young has been criticized by local Republicans for retaining a Democrat in office for so long a time.

Hiram L. Grant seems to have gotten it in the neck. He is here from Washington and is dead against the ring and Settle especially. Dr. J. J. Mott, the free for-all, is in the city. He is hanging up with Loge Harris.

Deputy Collector Moffit seized four barrels of corn whiskey and two barrels of brandy in the office of the Southern Express Company last night for irregularities.

Marshal Carroll will carry his convicts (two) to Brooklyn penitentiary next week. He is busy making out his reports at present.

Owing to the feeble health of Judge McIver Pitt county court was adjourned yesterday until April. All witnesses and jurors were dismissed.

The regular Fall examinations begin Monday at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The boys will be required to pass on all the studies of the year and there is much studying in West Raleigh at present writing. These examinations will only last one week. These will all be through with next Friday and then the boys leave to return after Christmas with new students. The prospect for a large number of new students at the opening of the Spring session is good.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, while in the city a few days ago, was impressed with the desirableness of this city for the location of a Federal military post. He spoke ravorably of the city and before leaving he promised to see certain of our Representatives in Congress and some of the leading men in Washington relative to the establishment of the post here.

Gen. Miles was well pleased with his hunt with the Messrs. Boylan.

The last Legislature passed an ordinance requiring that a statement of the county's financial condition with expenditures and disbursements be published in a county paper. The matter was in the hands of the Register of Deeds and the statement was published in this week's *Caucasian*.

The sum of $1,100 has been paid out for interest on bonds.

The permanent debt of the county is $95,000; $30,000 of which is represented by bonds issued under the laws of 1881; $5,000 by bonds issued in 1895 for bridge purposes. All interest due on bonds has been paid.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Board of Aldermen at a special meeting to-day rescinded the ordinance calling for a bond election on street improvements to be held January 15th. It was evident that the measure would have been defeated. Lawyers hold that the city can incur debt, according to a recent decision of the Supreme Court permitting the county commissioners to build a court house, without submitting the question to the people.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—210 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—857 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 253 bbls rosin, 47 bbls tar, 16 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—33 bales cotton, 29 casks spirits turpentine, 269 bbls rosin, 90 bbls tar,

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—9 bales cotton, 74 casks spirits turpentine, 103 bbls rosin, 27 bbls tar, 18 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,109 bales; spirits turpentine, 117 casks; rosin, 624 bbls; tar, 164 bbls; crude turpentine, 29

FIRES IN NEWBERN.

J. W. Stewart's Residence and Congdon's Dry Kiln Nearly Destroyed—Gov. Carr and Party Returned to Raleigh.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NEWBERN, December 14.—The elegant residence of Mr. J. W. Stewart was partially consumed by fire at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The loss is very heavy on account of water and the excitement in efforts to remove furniture and children. David Rumley and Lloyd Hollingworth first saw the fire and it is to their prompt action that the whole block was saved. The Atlantic Engine Company did splendid service.

Congdon's dry kiln was nearly consumed by fire at 3 o'clock and much valuable lumber burned.

Governor Carr and party returned to Raleigh this morning.

Encyclopædia Britannica.

The STAR Britannica Department is still filling orders for the Encyclopædia Britannica. This is the latest and best edition of this great work. Issued in 25 volumes, bound in cloth or sheep. For full particulars read announcement on third page, or inquire at the STAR office

Housekeepers who want servants are in the habit of supplying their needs from the STAR'S want column. Are you looking for a situation? The STAR'S want column will bring you the best results. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St Paul's Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev F N Skinner, pastor. Services to-day (third Sunday in Advent) at 11 a m and 7.30 p m. Sunday School at 3.30 p m. All seats free.

Services in St John's Church to-day (third Sunday in Advent) by the rector, Rev Dr Carmichael, at 7.45 and 11 a m and 4.30 p m. Sunday School at 3 p m.

Services in Seamen's Bethel to-day at 3 p m, conducted by Rev Dr Carmichael. All seafaring and river men are cordially invited.

St James' (3d Sunday in Advent). 7.45 a m the Holy Communion; 11 a m morning prayer, sermon, ante communion; 5 p m evening prayer; Sunday school at 3.45 p m. Strangers cordially invited.

St Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev G D Bernheim, pastor, morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock; Sunday school at 3 p m. Seats free and every person welcome.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St Stephen's A M E church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev E J Gregg, pastor. Preaching to-day at 10 30 a m by Rev Robt Lucas. The pastor will officiate at 3 p m. Prof Edward Robinson will preach at 7 30 p m. Prof J S Raff, the renowned pipe organist of St Patrick's church, New York city, will preside at the organ. A rare opportunity for lovers of good music. A cordial welcome to all.

There will be preaching to-day at the First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Campbell streets, at 11 a m, 3 p m and 7 30 p m. Subject: "Not Lost Forever." Sabbath school at 1 p m. Strangers and friends welcome. Joseph Spells, pastor.

The Rev C P Johnson, M D, of Georgia, will preach to-day at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a m and 7 30 p m. Every one is welcome.

A native-born Congo African will preach in St Luke's A M E church Sunday at 11 a m and will lecture on Africa Monday night.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

They have Proved a Success in South Carolina. Why Not Try Them in Wilmington?

The STAR has not given up all hope of seeing the experiment of artesian wells thoroughly tried in Wilmington. The Sumter (S. C.) correspondent of the *News and Courier*, under date of December 10th, writes as follows:

The first flowing well to be put down in Sumter has been bored at the brick yard of Ryttenberg near the city. The overflow is about ten and a half gallons per minute, and the water rises about five feet above the ground. The water is of crystal clearness and is of a pleasant taste. The drilling of the well was easily accomplished, the only rock being struck about forty feet from the surface. The remainder of the distance was through a bed of shells and marl. Other wells will be bored in the suburbs by those who cannot get water from the city mains. There is a strong sentiment here in favor of water for all uses that cannot be contaminated by surface drainage, and there will be a great many artesian wells bored in other parts of the county.

The first wells of this kind to be drilled in this county were at Lynchburg and the success of the venture has proven so great that many people in the county are contemplating having wells bored.

In the water that flows from the well at Ryttenberg's brick yard there is apparently no trace of mineral. The water will be analyzed and its constituents discovered. The cost of an Artesian well is comparatively small, the contractors agreeing to bore the wells 125 feet and furnish all material for $50. If a flowing supply of water is not attained at that depth a charge of 50 cents per foot is made for the additional depth. The charge is not less then $50, even though a stream is struck at a less depth than 125 feet.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

Mr. George Cronenberg is No More—The Accident was Fatal.

The subject of the following notice, which is from the Columbia *State* of yesterday, was a brother of Mr. H. Cronenberg, the well known photographer of this city. The *State* says:

The *State* yesterday mentioned briefly the accident on the Norfolk & Western road, whereby Mr. George Cronenberg, formerly of this city, had been seriously injured. His brother arrived at the scene of the disaster to find that the young man had just died of his injuries. Those who knew him will hear of his death with sincere regret. He was a kind and noble-hearted young fellow, and none knew him but to like him. At the time of his death he was the road foreman of the Norfolk & Western.

Several years ago when stationed at Florence he married a young lady of that city, who died some time ago, leaving two young children. They are provided for by insurance carried by their father on his life.

The remains passed through Columbia yesterday en route to Florence to be interred by those of the late wife of the deceased. Members of his family accompanied them to their last resting place.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The annual election of officers and regular Convocation will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

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New Telephones.

SUBSCRIBERS to the Wilmington Telephone Exchange will please add to their list the following:

165. Gabriel Holmes, residence.
167. A. Newberry.
168. W. B. Cooper.
169. Gieschen & Co.
170. C. D. Morrill, residence.
171. W. H. Sprunt, residence.
173. Sneed & Company.
173. A. D Wessell.
174. J. C. Stout, residence.
176. Willard Bag Manufactory.
176. J. W. Norwood, residence.
177. Y. M. C. Association.

dec 15 1t D. T. COGHILL, Manager.

OPERA HOUSE,

THURSDAY, DEC. 19th.

Minnie Maddern Fiske

and her admirable Company will present the Powerful Drama entitled,

"The Queen of Liars."

Sale of Seats begin Tuesday morning. su tu th dec 15

EGGS.

THE UNDERSIGNED CAN FURNISH YOU with Thoroughbred Brown Leghorn Chicken Eggs at $2.00 per setting of 13 eggs. A. PREMPERT.

dec 1 tf No. 11 South Front street.

THE MORNING STAR, THE OLDEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Only Six-Dollar Daily of its Class in the State.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THREE WEEKS

LEFT FOR BRISK BUSINESS.

We have to crowd on steam during these three weeks; trade must move at a livelier pace. Goods must go and dollars must come even if prices are clipped to a point where profit vanishes. The Cloaks, the Dress Goods, the Silks, the Underwear, all share in the liberal reduction made to win you to the store now.

KATZ & POLVOGT,

Cash House.

No. 9 North Front St.

Very Interesting News

From the Cloak Room.

You have seen and admired the season's Jaunty Coats, in the tempting rough and smooth fabrics. Perhaps you have thought that it takes a goodly amount of cash to own one of those fetching garments. Wrong! Several hundred garments in just the cut and cloth that are most fashionable are here for you to choose from, at $10, $12, $15, $18 and $20. Also higher-priced ones if you are ready to pay more.

Dress Goods and Silks.

The general theory is that December is a slow month for Dress Goods and Silks on account of the attention Christmas purchasing is given by the public to fancy articles. We find that this is a fallacy. Our December business in DRESS GOODS and SILKS is larger than any other month. Why?

FIRST—

Because the public are learning to spend their money for sensible presents.

SECOND—

From the fact of the great reductions made during this month, $20,000 in Dress Goods alone having suffered a cut of $5,000 commencing this week. The displays embrace all the new conceits of fashion.

Carpets, Rugs, Shades

—AND—

Lace Curtains.

The most complete line the State.

100 Kotio Rugs worth $1, for 49c.

75 Smyrna Rugs worth 90c, for 59c.

100 Moquette $1.50 Rugs for 98c.

Attention paid to special Shade Measurement, and careful Carpet Fitting. All work guaranteed.

Katz & Polvogt,

No 9 North Front St.,

dec 15 tf

Firecrackers.

100 boxes Firecrackers.
25 barrels Apples.
2,000 C. C. Nuts.
500 pounds Mixed Nuts.
20 boxes Raisins.
20 pails Broken Candy.
50 boxes Blue Ribbon Candy.
3,000 pounds Plain Candy.
1,000 bushels Peanuts.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant, 208 North Water Street.

dec 15 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

$5.00 Reward.

The above reward will be paid for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who stole a Marechal Neil Rose Bush from my premises on Sixth street, between Princess and Chesnut.

dec 14 3t WM. GOODMAN.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, at $6 00 per year; $3 00 for six months, $1 50 for three months, 50 cents for one month, to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 12 cents per week for any period from one week to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY).—One square one day, $1 00; two days, $1 75; three days, $2 50; four days, $3 00; five days, $3 50; one week, $4 00; two weeks, $6 50; three weeks, $8 50; one month, $10 00; two months $17 00; three months, $24 00; six months, $40 00; twelve months, $60 00. Ten lines of solid Nonpareil type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1 00 per year, 50 cents for six months, 25 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Notices under head of "City Items" 20 cents per line for first insertion, and 15 cents per line for each subsequent insertion.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

An extra charge will be made for double-column or triple-column advertisements.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1 00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1895

TARIFF AND MONEY TINKERING

There are several different kinds of statesmen in this and in other countries, too. We have an assortment of them, the real statesmen (not very numerous); the men who imagine themselves statesmen (quite numerous) and sham statesmen (too numerous). The present generation has been quite prolific of the latter two varieties. There are honest statesmen who labor for the public good, and dishonest statesmen who labor for private pelf; some who have grown poor in the public service, others who have grown rich by abusing the trust in them; some who were long headed and broad viewed, others who were narrow between the ears and could not see beyond the confines of their own particular sections. Unfortunately all but the true kind of statesmen have had for most of the present generation the guidance of the destinies of this country, and that's the reason why matters have gone from good to bad and from bad to worse, and why a people who ought to be the most prosperous and contented on the face of the earth are battling with adversity and are but little better off than the class ridden populations of Europe.

Thirty odd years ago the new order of statesmen introduced a new order of things and under pretence of fostering and building up our "infant industries" they concocted a tariff which they called by the delusive but catchy name of the "protective" tariff. This tariff erected a Chinese trade wall between this and other countries, for it was intended to be a prohibitory tariff and was practically so save on certain articles which the rich bought and which were permitted to come in on a very light duty compared with their value, the fraudulent reason assigned for this being that these articles were not manufactured in this country and therefore there was no occasion to tax them heavily to protect anybody or any home industry. They erected that Chinese wall and did the work so strongly and securely that it took those of us who didn't believe in the Chinese wall policy nearly thirty years constant battering to knock even the cap stones off.

What was the result of that Chinese wall erecting business? Up to that time the American wheat grower and cotton grower found markets in Europe for every bushel of their surplus grain and every pound of their surplus cotton. Then the American shipper found no difficulty in exchanging these products for products of those countries for which he found a ready demand at home and which he could easily dispose of at a profit satisfactory to him. Thus trade went on briskly and we had to send no gold to Europe to settle the balance of trade against us.

When the high protective tariff interfered with this mutually advantageous exchange of products the nations which had been trading almost exclusively with us began to look for other sources of supply, where they could trade on the same terms, and the great leader in trade, the shrewdest and most thrifty of all—England—turned her eyes to India for cotton and wheat, to Egypt for cotton, to South America for wheat, and to Russia for wheat and pork. She encouraged railroad building in India to open up to cultivation large areas of cotton and wheat lands, and her capitalists sent their money into Argentina to aid in opening up and bringing into cultivation the boundless fertile acres of that country, and thus the American farmer began to be confronted by a competition that he never dreamed of and possibly might never have been, or at least for many years, confronted by if it had not been for the policy which drove his customers to seek other suppliers. That's one of the causes, and the main cause, of the so-called overproduction in this country for some years past. This is part of the protective tariff history.

What the protective tariff did in crippling trade with our grain and meat buying countries was followed up by more of the same kind of blundering when the conspiracy against silver was planned and consummated in 1873. Confronted by a competition which so greatly reduced the demand for our foodstuffs in the customary markets our policy should have been to build up other markets not only for the products of our farms but of our manufactories, but instead of doing that we permitted our greatest commercial rival to lead us into a trap and dictate the financial policy which should govern us, so that we might have no advantage of her in the countries whose currency was and is silver, numbering in round figures about 800,000,000 of people. The leading powers of Europe demonetized silver, England leading, others following and we following them, jumping into the same ditch, so to speak. When the Japanese and Chinese found that they had to buy in gold countries at gold prices and sell in their own countries at silver prices, they concluded that the wisest thing to do would be to establish manufactories of their own, and they are not only doing that, but are doing it so rapidly and successfully as to become formidable competitors of the very nations that ostracized their silver and tried to force them to trade on a gold basis. It is the tariff tinkering repeated in the financial tinkering.

MINOR MENTION.

For years political agitators of the Republican school have been inveighing against the South, and even now attempts are being made in the Congress of the United States to place the South in a false and scandalous position, to excite sectional animosity with the intent of passing if possible more of the oppressive legislation which in recent years has disgraced our statutes. But in spite of this, intelligent, observant and candid people are beginning to look upon the South as the distinctively American, most truly conservative and thoroughly patriotic section of this country. Many tributes on this line to the South have appeared in Northern publications in recent years, but none that more thoroughly covers the ground than the following from the pen of Mr. Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, published in Philadelphia, who says:

No truer words can be uttered than those which say that if we could find to day the American people at their best, where men and women are guided in their actions by wholesome sentiment, where people live righteously, and where the best of our customs are perpetuated and lived every day, where our own language is spoken by all, where hearts beat to the most loyal national sentiments, and where the people can be trusted to uphold what is highest and most lasting in our national life—we must turn to the South. How Sunday should be kept, or the manner in which it should be observed, does not trouble the Southern people. Their respect and honor for the day are too great and deep-seated to question its sacredness. They do not question Divine laws in the South; they accept and perpetuate them. Intelligent progress there goes hand in hand with strict adherence to the accepted beliefs of religion. The Southern mother does not explain the Bible to her children in the light of so-called 'modern teachings,' she places it in their hands as her mother gave it to her. And with the fundamental principles of religion the Southern child is taught patriotism and a love of country; hence religion and patriotism stand side by side in the education of a Southern child. The Southern people believe in progress, but progress along healthy, rational lines. Theories which mentally upset find no sympathy with them. They are content to move slowly but surely, and surely. And some day when the vast majority of us who live in other portions of the country get through with our camping-out civilization, when we get old enough to understand that there is a stronghold of conservatism which stands between tyranny and anarchism, our eyes will turn toward the South. And we will see there a people who are American in ideas and living; a people worshipful, progressive, earnest, courageous and patriotic—a people who have made of their land against defeat and prejudice, 'the heart of America.'"

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We called attention several days ago to the fact that the pension roll instead of decreasing is growing larger and expressed the opinion that no material, if any decrease in expenditures might be expected for some years to come. We gave as one of the reasons for this that as the soldier is still in the North a factor of importance in politics, a fact recognized by all political parties, the vote seekers will not be slow to find pretexts to add to the pension rolls or to the pensions already paid. There are several new pension bills now advocated by "friends of the soldiers" (mainly pension attorneys) and some have been introduced, one by Sentor Palmer, of Illinois, giving a uniform pension of $50 a month to any Federal soldier a hand or a foot in the late war, and $60 a month to every one who lost a limb. Another has been introduced by Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, giving a pension to soldiers and sailors who were confined in Confederate prisons. It is somewhat remarkable that both of these bills have been introduced by Democratic Senators, while their party has been endeavoring to carry out pension reform and reduce rather than increase pension expenditures. Senator Palmer is not a candidate for re-election, but Senator Voorhees is, and Indiana is close enough to be a very doubtful State, which may possibly account for the interest he takes in the soldiers and sailors who were confined in Confederate prisons.

Several years ago efforts began to be made for reform in our internal revenue service by abolishing the fee system and paying marshals, deputy marshals and commissioners fixed salaries. Nearly all the Attorney Generals that have been in office for the past twelve years or more have favored this and testified to the abuses that prevail and the large and unnecessary expenditure of money under the present system, much of which is worse than wasted. The fee system is simply a temptation to extraordinary activity on the part of those who are benefitted, not so much for the purpose of protecting the Government against fraud and enforcing respect for the law as to put money in the pockets of the officers and their co-operating informers, and hence there are not only numerous arrests for trivial and contemptible causes, but much sneaking trap-laying, and a good deal of what borders very closely on persecution. The court dockets are loaded, large numbers of friendless and ignorant people dragged from their homes, scores of witnesses summoned, and after that many of the accused must be discharged for want of evidence to substantiate the charges against them. But the bills must be paid and Uncle Sam can better afford to stand it than the majority of the people who are dragged before the courts, many of them for offences that ought to be beneath the notice of the United States Government.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Nickell Magasine is the title of an interesting monthly published in Boston by the Russell Publishing Company, 51 Summer street, at 50 cents a year. The December number presents an interesting list of contents, handsomely illustrated.

Town Topics for December contains several entertaining stories, the principal of which is entitled "Out of the Sulphur." There are a number of shorter tales, but all interesting. Published by the Town Topics Publishing Company, 208 Fifth avenue and 1,128 Broadway New York.

The North American Review presents in the December number a fine array of papers on important subjects, which either have lately or will engage the attention of this Government and the American people, written by men of national reputation. Address North American Review, No, 3 East Fourteenth street, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— There does not seem to be any stampede towards carrying out Mr. Cleveland's suggestion about retiring the non-interest bearing greenbacks and substituting interest bearing bonds.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— Representative Barrett, of Massachusetts, is a little bit early with his resolution for the impeachment of Ambassador Bayard. The fact, however, that he once represented a newspaper in this city may account for a certain enthusiasm in scoring a "scoop."—*Washington Star, Ind.*

——Under the pressure from Japan, numbers of our free trade goldbugs will be compelled to come out in favor of high protection. They will do this rather than acknowledge that the demonetization of silver enables the Asiatics to undersell our manufacturers in their own markets.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rockingham *Rocket*: We learn from the farmers of different sections of the country that an unusually large amount of small grain is being sown.

— Rockingham *Index*: Frank Wilson, colored, shot and killed Louis Harris, a white man of Hamlet, at that place, last Monday evening. The doctor in attendance found 33 buckshot had entered his left breast.

— Durham *Sun*: Another old landmark is gone. 'Uncle Jacob" Crabtree, who lived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Thompson, on Chapel Hill street, died suddenly this morning at 10 o'clock, of heart disease. When the summons came he was sitting in a chair by the fire.

— Wadesboro *Messenger Intelligencer*: Never before in her history has Anson county suffered so many fires as she has this Fall. In the last month or two there has been no less than seven or eight fires with her borders—nearly all of them supposed to be of incendiary origin.

— Sanford *Express*: Miss Rebecka Murchison, who had been sick for several weeks, died at her home in Pocket township last Thursday. The deceased was a maiden lady, and was, we think, about 75 years of age. She and a maiden sister, Miss Lydia Murchison, who survides her, lived together.

— Greensboro *Record*: A few minutes after 12 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was sounded for the first ward—the jail was on fire. The damage is small, however, and the prisoners who expected to effect their liberty are still in jail. There is no doubt about the effort to burn it was made by the prisoners on the second floor, where ten white men are confined. All these men, with the exception of three, are United States prisoners.

— Newberne *Journal*: The first of the great Beaufort insurance fraud cases is ended with the exception of pronouncing the sentence. It resulted in the conviction of R C. Hassell, insurance agent of Beaufort, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. The main testimony which brought this about was that of Dr. L. W. Perkins, of Newport, who was medical examiner in the case. The week before court convened he made a full confession in writing, but no one knew of it until the case was called. It came like a thunder clap to the defendants.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut*: A negro by the name of Philip Stuart had his head cut off by the bursting of a saw at Mr. Howell's saw mill on the edge of town Wednesday at noon. The accident was caused by a dog which had been carelessly driven into the log in the way of the saw. —— Obiah Cooper, a young colored woman from the Hilliardston section, Nash County, was committed to jail last Monday charged with infanticide. Some colored children found the dead body of an infant in an old field where it is thought it had lain for more than a week. Suspicion at once fell upon this woman and on being questioned she acknowledged that the child was hers.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT THIS office. Suitable for wrapping paper.

WHEN I'M WITH HER.

When I'm with her,
The sky is arched with deeper blue,
The flowers are decked in richer hue,
And glad fields seem to smile anew
When I'm with her.

When I'm with her,
More gentle is the murmur of the brook,
More sweet the songs from dell and nook,
And ever glad is life's old story book
When I'm with her.

When I'm with her,
The sunset paints a brighter sky,
The distant ships quiet at anchor lie,
And hours like moments hurry by
When I'm with her.

When I'm with her,
The moonbeams fall in softer light,
The bright stars laugh upon a perfect night,
And all the world is filled with truth and right
When I'm with her.

When I'm with her,
My wayward heart seems nearer pure,
Of God and future then I'm almost sure,
And naught from right can me allure
When I'm with her.

—*Pittsburg Bulletin.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Give what you have. To some one it may be better than you dare to think.—*Longfellow.*

— It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.—*Petersborough.*

— The more we help others to bear their burdens the lighter our own will be.

— First practice at home, then preach abroad. It is not every man that would like to preach to his neighbors from his own doorstep.

— If we had decided what kind of a preacher we want, it may not be out of place to inquire what kind of a people our preacher will want.—*Christian Neighbor.*

— "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything." Life is made up of small things. It is but once in an age that occasion is offered for a great deed. True greatness consists in being great in little things.

— Goodness expands the heart and makes it humble. The larger, the better, the nobler your heart is, the more you will be inclined to make allowance for others and the more you will say and feel 'God be merciful to me a sinner!'—*Robertson.*

— The truths of the Bible are like gold in the soil. Whole generations walk over it and know not what treasures are hidden beneath. So centuries of men pass over the Scriptures and know not what truths lie under the feet of the r interpreter.—*Beecher.*

— Nothing so clears the vision and lifts up the life as a decision to move forward in what you know to be entirely the will of the Lord. * * * This is strength, this is peace, to feel, in entering on every day, that all its duties and trials have been committed to the Lord Jesus, that, come what may, He will use us for His own glory and our real good. —*J. G. Paton*

TWINKLINGS

— If a praying machine were invented many would use it if did not take too much time from business to wind it up.—*Texas Siftings.*

— Teacher—"What does the reign of King Charles I teach us?"

Tommie—"Please, sir, not to lose our heads in moments of excitement."—*Truth.*

— Customer have you 'Prometheus Bound?' Clerk (in book store)—I never heard of Prometheus, sir; but all our books are bound.—*Philadelphia Record.*

—Visitor—Does Mamma give you anything for being a good boy?

Tommy—Nome. She gives it to me when I ain't.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Wool—Have you met Dr. Emdee, the skin specialis?

Van Pelt—You bet! I was one of the first ones he skinned.—*Puck.*

— In Musical Circle—He—What would you think dear, if I should say you were a harp of a thousand strings?

She—I should think love, that you were a-lyre.—*Town and Country Journal.*

Military Weapons.

Let us fancy two soldiers in the mounted service, equally brave, one thoroughly trained to handle the saber and the other an accomplished revolver shot. Station them 100 yards apart and let them advance toward each other at any gait, with hostile intent. Can any one for an instant expect but one result—the man with the saber would be destroyed before he could arrive in striking distance of his enemy, armed with the revolver? Suppose instead of selecting two men we made the number 10, 20 or 1,000. Is there any reasonable ground to suppose the result would differ materially in illustrating the superiority of the revolver over the saber?

To exemplify this in another form. Let us suppose that a saber cut over the head or a thrust through the body is equal to a wound from a revolver bullet, and for the sake of argument we will allow the man with the saber to arrive within ten feet of his enemy with the revolver. We will assume that ten seconds are required for a "sabreur" to successfully carve one man and get within striking distance, about 3½ or 4 feet, of another. We know that it is a very ordinary feat for a good revolver shot, mounted, to fire five shots in five seconds and hit the size of a man every time, at a distance of ten feet, and this with his horse at a full run. The reverence with which we cling to arms ancient might well make a wise soldier laugh were its effects not so pernicious as sometimes to make a good soldier weep.—Major W. P. Hall, U. S. A., in North American Review.

Balloon Observations.

Observations from a captive balloon are more easily carried out at sea than on land, because the air currents are more uniform and are not so subject to sudden changes. Vessels can be distinguished perfectly, and there is no difficulty in recognizing whether they are merchantmen or men-of-war.

Some recent experiments with these balloons result in the conclusion that at a height of 1,800 feet it is not possible to see the bottom of the sea to any great depth, in consequence of the impediments to vision offered by the color of the water and of the bottom.

With a favorable light, rocks and sand banks are clearly defined at depth of 19 to 23 feet. Larger sand banks can be seen, according to the color of the water, at a depth of 40 feet. In naval warfare captive balloons would be of great utility as observatories to a fleet, enabling the officers to reconnoiter the entrance of unknown harbors and for ascertaining the exact position of forts, batteries and other defenses.

Blastus Godly!

The Roundheads were proud of such names as How-their-bones-asunder Smith, Blind-their-kings-in-chains-and-their-nobles-with-links-of-iron Jackson and If-Jesus-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-hadst-been-damned Barebones—the latter gentleman being usually known as Damned Dr. Barebones for shortness. One poor fellow was actually christened, and doubtless in all reverence, Blastus Godly. We must confess we are glad the days of Puritanism are ended. We prefer names like Tom, Dick and Harry.—Chambers' Journal.

His Object In Speaking.

He—Miss Perrymead, while I may not be the man of your choice at this moment, yet I venture to hope—

She—I can only be a sister—

"As I was saying, Miss Perrymead, while I may not be your choice, I don't want you to forget me when the time comes for you to look for a chance instead of a choice."—Indianapolis Journal.

FAMILY LIFE IN BABYLON.

Glimpses of Ancient Customs Given by the Tablets In the British Museum.

Glimpses of family life in ancient Babylonia are given by the cuneiforms from Sennacherib's palace, now in the British museum. From the tablets it appears that the family and the laws concerning it were the foundation of the social system of Babylonia. Take, as an example, the relation of father to son. A son could repudiate his father by the payment of a certain sum of money, but not his mother. In the tablets on family law it is written that a son who wished to deny his mother should have his hair cut off and be banished from the community. The law relating to husband and wife was curious. If a wife should say to her husband, "Thou art not my husband," which was the Babylonian way of saying that she did not want to live with him any more, then the offending woman was to be thrown into the river. But if the husband wanted a divorce it was a comparatively easy matter for him to obtain it. All he had to do was to return to his wife her dowry, if any, and pay her a certain sum of money. He was then a free man and could marry again if he felt disposed to do so.

The position occupied by women in Babylonia was very different from their position in the east at the present day. The harem did not exist at all, and the wife was looked upon as the head of the household. A woman could buy or sell property independent of her husband, could enter into agreements or contracts and could possess slaves. In Assyria, which was a colony from Babylonia, the modern harem system was in use, and women, on the whole, occupied a very inferior position.

That slavery existed in Babylonia from the earliest times there is ample proof, but the power and authority of the owner or master were limited. A slave had a definite position and could not only enter into contracts and agreements to his own advantage, but could even buy and sell as well as possess property and after a certain time could buy his freedom. The slaves from some cause or other seem to have come upon evil days during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, for about this time many of their privileges were withdrawn, and the custom of branding each slave with the name of his master came into use. This custom led to all sorts of disputes, which had to be settled at law, and a large number of tablets relating to such suits have been found. Education was common throughout Babylonia, and schools of theology and astronomy were founded and attached to every temple of importance.—New York Sun.

Napoleon and the Sentinel.

There is a well known picture which represents Napoleon I standing on guard on an outpost at night, with musket at his shoulder, while an unfortunate sentinel who has fallen asleep on his post awakes, sees the apparition and gasps, "The emperor!" This picture has been regarded as a work of fancy, but it seems that there is some authority for a story that such an incident took place.

A collection of military notes in French, called "Ephemerides Militaires," the publication of which was begun in 1792 and continued until 1815, relates that on the night which followed the second day of the battle of Arcola, in Italy, in 1796, General Bonaparte, "indefatigable after the greatest fatigues, made a tour of the outposts of his army. He desired to inform himself as to the vigilance of his men and the movements of the enemy.

"There he came upon a sentinel whom the excess of fatigue had utterly exhausted, and who lay asleep on the ground. General Bonaparte possessed himself cautiously of the man's gun and mounted guard in his place.

"By and by the soldier, awakening with a start, recognized his general in the man who had disarmed him and cried out:

"'I am lost!'

"'Reassure thyself,' said Bonaparte to him kindly. 'After such fatigues as thou hast undergone, it may be pardoned in a brave man to succumb to sleep. But another time I advise thee to choose thy opportunity more carefully.'"

If this incident actually happened, as may well have been the case, it is made plain from this contemporary account that its hero was not yet an emperor, but simply a general.—Youth's Companion.

Love as Analyzed.

Love is, to my mind, nothing but an enthusiastic congeniality of soul. It is a profound sense of a pervasive harmony of being. Its first symptom is not a physical attraction, but a delicious realization, on the part of each, of a strange consonance of nature. More than half its joy consists in the feeling of being completely understood in one's noblest potentialities. The lover is for the time what his beloved believes him to be, and she is what he believes her to be. What happy audacity of speech, what glorious heights of feeling, what rare flashes of insight, as the two chords go sounding together, in melodious embrace, reveling in each other's eloquence, charm and beauty! To be thus tuned up an octave above one's ordinary self, to feel the resonance of one's speech in a noble woman's soul, to receive one's thought back enriched and beautified by having passed through her mind, is about the highest beatitude which earth has to offer. And the chances of it will be infinitely multiplied when mind and character, in the more exclusive sense, shall not be the rare attributes of a few exceptional women.—Lippincott's.

Denied a Foul Calumny.

What would people say now if any parliamentary candidate issued such an address as the following? It was put forth some 40 years ago by the late Mr. Erle Drax, who was long the Tory member for Wareham, and who never appeared in the house on more than two evenings in a session. At a general election, a day or two before the nomination, Mr. Erle Drax thus addressed his late constituents:

"I understand that some evil disposed rascal has been circulating a report that I wish my tenants and other persons dependent upon me to vote according to their conscience. Be not deceived! This is a dastardly lie, calculated to injure me seriously. I have no such wish. I wish and I intend that all these persons shall vote for me."—London Truth.

A Puzzled Boy.

It is feared that little Johnny is not so proud of his dad as he might be were his dad a different sort of man. The other day Johnny looked at the unhandsome features of his papa and then watched that personage move about in his shiftless fashion. Said Johnny after awhile, "Pop, were there any other men around when ma fell in love with you?"—Boston Transcript.

Quite True.

He—They say there's no end to Mrs. De Smythe's jewelry.

She—I guess that's true—she has two rings and a bracelet.—Chicago Record.

Buckien's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R R BELLAMY. †

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. †

Four Big Successes.

Having the needed merit to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached herewith will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at ROBERT R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

LITTLE GIRL (*to village store-keeper*) "Mommer sent me back and says as she wants Pond's Extract, and not this wot you said was jest as good. There ain't any so good as Pond's Extract."

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The Refractory Tie.

There is nothing like a little nerve, combined with pleasing address and assurance to make a winning move in the world. During a recent pleasant afternoon a handsome looking, well dressed man started for a stroll up Chestnut street. When opposite the entrance to the Continental hotel, the stroller met a party of friends, and one of them playfully caught one end of his fruitlessly adjusted necktie and pulled the knot loose. Then came a tug of war, for no one in the party could make the knot again. After a great many attempts the stroller brushed his friends aside and stepped up to a pleasant looking girl who was looking into a jeweler's window. A few words were spoken, and with a bright smile the young woman deftly retied the knot, remarking with another smile: "Oh, you are entirely welcome. I've got big brothers of my own. They are just as clumsy as you are!"—Philadelphia Record.

Hospitality.

Dumas, the elder, had a dog as hospitable as his master, and this dog once invited 19 others to Monte Cristo, Dumas' palace, named after his famous novel. Dumas' factotum in chief wished to drive off the whole pack.

"Michael," said the great romancer, "I have a social position to sustain. It entails a fixed amount of trouble and expense. You say that I have 13 dogs and that they are eating me out of house and home. Thirteen! What an unlucky number!"

"Monsieur—if you will permit—there is but one thing left to do. I must drive them all away."

"Never, Michael!" replied Dumas. "Never! Go at once and find me a fourteenth dog."—St. Louis Republic.

Among Women.

Kitty—I wouldn't tell my age if I were 30, as Miss Palmtover says she is.

Jane (scoffingly)—She doesn't tell her age.—Detroit Free Press.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev J Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich, we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hour with little interruption and it seem[illegible] she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery, it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at R R BELLAMY'S drug store. Regular size 50c and $1 00. †

Wholesale Prices Current.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately a possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—		
2-lb Jute	@	5½
Standard	7½@	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ₩ lb	13½@	14
Sides ₩ lb	7½@	7½
Shoulders ₩ lb	6 @	6½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ₩ lb	5¾@	5½
Shoulders ₩ lb	5 @	5
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35 @	1 40
New City, each	@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb	26 @	27
BRICKS—		
Wilmington, ₩ M	6 50 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	11 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina, ₩ lb	15	
Northern	23 @	
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	@	45
Virginia Meal	50 @	45
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle	@	88
CANDLES—₩ lb—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	9 @	10
CHEESE—₩ lb—		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	11 @	12
State	@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—		
Laguyra	27 @	28
Rio	26 @	28
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard	7@	8½
Yarns, ₩ lb	18 @	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	10 @	12½
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ half-barrel	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 25 @	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	6 00 @	8 50
N. C. Roe, ₩ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5 @	10
Extra	3 25 @	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—		
Low grade	@	3 00
Choice	3 75 @	3 00
Straight	3 75 @	3 85
Fine Patent	@	4 25
GLUE—₩ lb	27½@	10
GRAIN—₩ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White	43½@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	47½@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	47½@	43½
Oats, from store	@	35
Oats, Rust-Proof	@	45
Cow Peas	50 @	60
HIDES, ₩ lb—		
Green	@	6
Dry	@	8
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—		
Eastern	@	1 00
Western	@	90
North River	@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	2 @	3½
LARD, ₩ lb—		
Northern	5½@	90
North Carolina	5 @	10
LIME, ₩ barrel	@	1 25
LUMBER(city sawed) ₩ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	20 00
Rough-Edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13-00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	@	22
" in bbls	@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	35 @	37½
" in bbls	35 @	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13 @	14
" in bbls	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	18 @	25
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut, 60d basis	@	2 80
PORK, ₩ barrel—		
City mess	10 50@	10 50
Rump	@	10 00
Prime	@	9 00
ROPE, ₩ lb	10 @	22
SALT—₩ sack Alum	@	75
Liverpool	@	65
Lisbon	@	
American	@	65
on 12S ₩ Sacks	40 @	45
SHINGLES 7-inch, ₩ M	5 00 @	7 00
Common	2 00 @	3 50
Cypress Saps	4 50 @	5 00
Cypress Heart	@	7 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Gran'd	4½@	5
Standard A	@	4½
White Ex. C	@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	4 @	4½
C, Yellow	@	4¼
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½@	5
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. Barrel	5 00 @	14
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping	10 @	8 00
Mill, Prime	00 @	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50 @	4 50
Common Mill	4 00 @	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary	3 00 @	3 00
TALLOW, ₩ lb	5 @	
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern	1 00 @	2
North Carolina	1 00 @	2
WOOL, ₩ lb—Washed	14 @	2
Gear of burr	13@15 @	
Burry	@	

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

NAVAL STORES.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Firm at 24¼ cents per gallon for country and 25¼ cents for machine-made casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 85 per bbl for Strained and $1 40 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quoted on 'Change steady at $1 10 for Hard, $1 50 for Yellow Dip and $1 60 for Virgin. Inspectors quote Hard, $1 80; Virgin and Yellow Dip, $1 60.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 24¾c; rosin, strained, $0.95; good strained $1 00; tar $0.95; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 60, 1 70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	117
Rosin	624
Tar	164
Crude Turpentine	29

Receipts same day last year—220 casks spirits turpentine, 542 bbls rosin, 412 bbls tar, 18 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Steady on a basis of 8c for Middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¾ cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	6¾ " "
Low Middling	7 9-16 " "
Middling	8 " "
Good Middling	8 5-16 " "

Same day last year, middling 5¼c. Receipts—1,109 bales; same day last year, 1,980.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Evening—Money on call was quoted at 1½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange easy; actual business in bankers' bills 487½@487¾ for sixty days and 488¼@488¾ for demand. Commercial bills 486½@487¼. Government bonds firm: United States coupon fours 113¾; United States twos 96¾. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 104; North Carolina sixes 124. Railroad bonds were higher.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was dull.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 14—Evening—Cotton quiet; middling gulf 8 13-16c; middling 8 9-16c. Sales 152 bales.

Cotton futures closed barely steady; December 8 27, January 8 28, February 8 33, March 8 38, April 8 43, May 8 47, June 8 50, July 8 51, August 8 52, September 8 23, October 8 12, November 8 10. Sales 68,800 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 145 bales; gross 4,678 bales; exports to Great Britain 103 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 50 bales; forwarded 2,628 bales; sales — bales, sales to spinners 152 bales; stock (actual) 180,863 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 33,703 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,381 bales; to France —— bales, to the Continent 3,234 bales; stock 987,154 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 2,919,316 bales; exports to Great Britain 883,139 bales; exports to France 245 008 bales; exports to the Continent 715,972 bales.

NEW YORK, December 14—Flour was quoted dull and steady at prices: winter wheat, low grades $2 35@3 65; fair to fancy $3 65@

Children Cry

FOR PITCHER'S

Castoria

Castoria promotes Digestion, and overcomes Flatulency, Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhœa, and Feverishness. Thus the child is rendered healthy and its sleep **natural. Castoria** contains no Morphine or other narcotic property.

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has been the standard for forty years and is more popular to-day than ever before.

POZZONI'S

is the ideal complexion powder—beautifying, refreshing, cleansing, healthful and harmless. A delicate, invisible protection to the face.

With every box of POZZONI'S a magnificent Souvenir, GOLD PUFF BOX is given free of charge.

AT DRUGGISTS AND FANCY STORES.

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Wants.

One Cent a Word.

Advertisements under this heading—Help and Situations Wanted, For Rent, For Sale, Lost and Found, One Cent a word each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than Twenty cents. my 26 tf

FOR

MAN AND BEAST!

Mexican Mustang Liniment

CURES

Sciatica,	Scratches,	Contracted
Lumbago,	Sprains,	Muscles,
Rheumatism,	Strains,	Eruptions,
Burns,	Stitches,	Hoof Ail,
Scalds,	Stiff Joints,	Screw
Stings,	Backache,	Worms,
Bites,	Galls,	Swinney,
Bruises,	Sores,	Saddle Galls,
Bunions,	Spavin	Piles.
Corns,	Cracks.	

THIS GOOD OLD STAND-BY

accomplishes for everybody exactly what is claimed for it. One of the reasons for the great popularity of the Mustang Liniment is found in its universal applicability. Everybody needs such a medicine.

The Lumberman needs it in case of accident.

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The Mechanic needs it always on his work bench.

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The Pioneer needs it—can't get along without it.

The Farmer needs it in his house, his stable, and his stock yard.

The Steamboat man or the Boatman needs it in liberal supply afloat and ashore.

The Horse-fancier needs it—it is his best friend and safest reliance.

The Stock-grower needs it—it will save him thousands of dollars and a world of trouble.

The Railroad man needs it and will need it so long as his life is a round of accidents and dangers.

The Backwoodsman needs it. There is nothing like it as an antidote for the dangers to life, limb and comfort which surround the pioneer.

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Keep a Bottle in the House. 'Tis the best of economy.

Keep a Bottle in the Factory. Its immediate use in case of accident saves pain and loss of wages.

Keep a Bottle Always in the Stable for use when wanted.

The Morning Star.

THE PASSING OF THE HOSS CAR.

I uster think a score of years,
Mebby twoscore years, ago,
At times I fetched a load of hogs
Or steers from "down below,"
An then staid overnight, ye know,
To kinder git a smack
Of how they do things here in town—
The people that are swell—
That runnin reg'lar little cars
To haul folks up an down
Was jist about the smartest thing
That I had ever known.

I uster ride out to the barns
Jist to ketch on to the way
They had of doin all the work
To make the bizness pay.
They had a couple dozen cars
An hosses by the score—
I counted up to sixty once
An know they had some more—
An piles of corn an straw an hay
Stacked to the very door,
An a feller allers on the watch
To buy a leetle more.

On Sat'days, when the country folks
Would load a wagon down
With taters or a cord of wood
To fetch it into town,
They'd hitch up on the off side
Of some steady goin hoss,
A filly, three year old or four,
Jist to show her who was boss,
An git her us'ts to city ways
An the noises of the road,
The joggle of the wagon
An the pullin of the load.

An w'en they passed the car barn
The feller there on guard
To catch an extra load of hay
Would holler out, "Hey, pard,
W'at'll ye take fer that bay mare?"
An then he'd mosey out
An pat the filly on the back,
An look into her mouth.
"I'll give ye seventy-five," says he,
An 'low the market's poor,
But after dickerin half an hour
He'd buy fer twenty more.

Them good ole poky hoss cars!
Too slow fer modern ways,
They'll soon rot with the stagecoach,
The pride of earlier days,
An the hosses of the future
Will prance along the street,
Their nostrils mortin lightnin
An a trolley pole fer feet.
An if that is rather tedious
Fer Yankee enterprise
I reckon they kin quit the earth
An navigate the skies.
—Chicago Tribune.

Ballyhooly Lemonade.

Mr. Balfour has in his day been the victim of the irrepressible lobbyist. During his tenure of the Irish secretaryship he received one morning in March (being St. Patrick's day) at the house of commons an oaken octagonal shaped box about ten inches in length. On the box being opened a bunch of shamrocks with a card bearing the inscription, "From a sincere admirer," was found inside, and underneath a layer of some white compound, through which could plainly be discerned a steel spring. Mr. Balfour is not a timid man, but the contents of the box were sufficient to excite uncomfortable thoughts of dynamite and infernal machines in the mind of the bravest.

The chief secretary, therefore, deemed it well before further explorations to send for an official of the house of parliament who is a bit of an analytical chemist, and on his arrival they both set to work to unravel the mystery in Mr. Balfour's room, much to the terror of the private secretaries, who were momentarily expecting a terrible explosion. For a moment the chemist was puzzled, but putting a particle of the compound upon his tongue he discovered that it was simply sugar impregnated with lemon.

On turning the box upside down out rolled an antiquated corkscrew, a spiral spring and a well worn nutmeg grater, and on the bottom was a paper bearing these words: "Buy the whisky yourself. You can then concoct the famous lemonade of Ballyhooly."—Macmillan's Magazine.

How the Human Race Is Vanishing.

A study of the military records of Europe proves that in 1610 the average height of man was 5 feet 9 inches. During the following 100 years this average decreased to 5 feet 7 1-5 inches. In 1790 the average was only 5 feet 6 inches, and in 1820 it was but 5 feet 5 inches. At the present time it is but 5 feet 3 1-2 inches. It is an easy matter to deduce statistics from the above figures to prove that human stature is gradually on the decline. Figuring upward, using the same ratio, we find that Adam's sons and neighbors averaged 16 feet 9 inches in height, and at the opening of the Christian era the average height was a fraction over 9 feet. Looking into the dim future, we can see a time only 2,000 years hence when human stature will be reduced to an average of only 15 inches.—St. Louis Republic.

Fireproof Celluloid.

A unique method is lately described as introduced in England for manufacturing fire proof celluloid simply from the spent fibers from paper mills. The process is simple—that is, as described, the pulp, consisting of fibers collected from washing water of the paper mill, is subjected to the action of certain chemicals which reduce it to a glutinous state, and it is then sent through a centrifugal pump, which gives it an even substance, any shade of color being imparted to it at the same time by the use of aniline dyes. After this it is drained through flannel into square boxes, in a short time assuming an almost solid consistency. In this state the celluloid can be cut into slices or molded when the composition is in a liquid condition. The substance thus formed is asserted to be perfectly safe, and it is proposed to make from it printing surfaces for illustrations, for stereotyping and to utilize it for various purposes as a substitute for other materials now employed.—New York Sun.

Characteristic Steinitz Anecdote.

A characteristic story is going the rounds concerning Steinitz, the famous chess player. Steinitz is said to sometimes stand quite still in the midst of a crowded thoroughfare the while he mentally considers some opening or end game in all its bearings. "Move on!" said a policeman to him on one occasion. "I beg your pardon, but it is your move," said Steinitz courteously, but with firmness.—Westminster Gazette.

A Bad Coin.

"Sometimes," says a Philadelphia barkeeper, "a bad coin is a very good thing to have. We had a brass 10 cent piece here for two years that was worth $1 a week to the bar. I knew the man from whom it was taken, and, of course, gave it back in change. He was a good customer before, but much better afterward. Ten times a week he would come in and either give me that brass coin or get it given to him. One day the proprietor looked through the drawer, and finding the bogus piece threw it away. When I told him that it was worth $50 a year to the house, he kicked himself. We not only lost the coin, but the customer as well. He felt hurt because I couldn't give him our pet piece."—New York Tribune.

WATCHES CHEAP AND GOOD.

Women the Chief Victims Nowadays of the Craze to Possess a Gold Timekeeper.

Good watches were probably never before nearly so cheap as they now are. You may buy for less than $10 a watch warranted to vary not more than a few seconds a month. The silver in the case of a watch never was an important part of the cost of a good timekeeper. The watchmaking business has been greatly subdivided. Crystals are made at one place, cases at another and works at still another. There is a growing belief among men of moderate means that a gold watch is a vanity, and that the sole important thing in a watch is the works. These were never so good or so cheap as now.

The number of men who carry cheap watches is constantly on the increase. The watch clubs of some years ago could hardly succeed now, because men are less under the fetish of the gold watch than formerly. Many men lay aside their gold watches, heirlooms, gifts, and the like, and carry good timekeepers that cost only a tenth as much. At the same time some men of much less means are willing to save and deny themselves in order to buy gold watches. The well to do merchant is perhaps more likely to carry a gold watch than the professional man of ten times his income.

There are still in use a few old key winding silver watches of the sort that began to disappear with the advent of the stem winders. Many of these are excellent timekeepers. They cost when new from $25 to $50 and have stood the wear of a quarter of a century. They are better than the $3 and $6 stem winders freely offered now, though the key winders bring almost nothing in exchange. It would take half a dozen good time keeping silver cased key winders to buy one of the cheap stem winders. The dial of the modern cheap watch is usually numbered in Arabic instead of Roman numerals, and any watch bearing the latter is usually far from new.

Women still cling to the gold watch, and among the most expensive watches are those made in Switzerland for women. It is not unusual for one of these small and richly enameled affairs to cost $950, and the prices run from that into the thousands. The gold faced watch is such a nuisance that it is disappearing. The expensive watches made for women are usually excellent timekeepers. There are, however, many cheap and gaudy watches made in answer to the craze for watches as ornaments, and these cannot so well be depended upon.

Watches that have more or less gold in the case are very cheap now. Women of all sorts have them, and it is not unusual to see one in the hands of a maidservant. Showy watches are made to be given as prizes for those that play the hundred and one gambling devices set up in saloons. Some saloon keepers get watches of the same sort and offer them as prizes for the man getting a certain numbered ticket, a ticket being given out with every drink sold. These watches are always advertised as gold. Their cheapness is proclaimed in the character of the decoration, which is crudely elaborate.—New York Sun.

OPERATING ON THE BRAIN.

How the "Thumb Center" Was Safely and Accurately Removed.

It has become quite common in recent years for surgeons to remove certain portions of the brain in such cases of epilepsy as have been shown to be due to irritation originating in these specific centers. Dr. W. W. Keen of Philadelphia recently saw a patient whose epileptic attacks invariably began with twitching in one thumb. This fact was well authenticated by the most painstaking and repeated observation. It was decided to remove the thumb center from that side of the brain opposite to that of the affected thumb. The bone was trephined, and after the center had been localized by electrical stimulation it was cut down upon and removed with the scoop. As is always the case with operations upon the brain, there was but little bleeding, even less pain, and a speedy recovery from the operation, with no unfavorable symptoms. The patient was at first entirely relieved of her epileptic attacks. Although they finally recurred, their severity was mitigated and they were far less frequent. This was an operation of remarkable nicety, as the entire substance of the thumb center had to be removed without including any of the other various finger, wrist, elbow, shoulder or face centers, which impinge upon it on all sides.

Dr. Keen has also performed a similar operation for removal of the hand center. The patient was a boy whose attacks always began with twitching of the members of one entire hand. He recovered promptly from the effects of the operation and was free from attacks for some time, but eventually suffered again from them to a very limited extent.—New Science Review.

Varieties In Vegetation.

It is generally supposed that when plants are propagated from cuttings they produce true types of the parent plant. The fact is, however, that plants propagated by cuttings, graftings and budding are strongly inclined to variations, some much more than others. In rosebushes in 100 roses grown from cuttings the florist is not surprised to find decided departures from the original type. Sometimes the change comes in color, sometimes in the habit of the plant and not infrequently in both. Exceedingly beautiful and valuable new varieties are often found in this way. Apple trees vary widely, an example of which is given in the Newtown pippin. This originated on Long Island. Being a specially desirable sort, it has been grafted upon trees all over the country and also in New South Wales. Here, however, but few of the original characteristics of the fruit remain. It is well known that plants have a strong tendency to revert to the original type, and some of them show the most curious and interesting eccentricities, shooting out into forms hitherto unknown. It is said that there are thousands of varieties of fruit and flowers that have sprung from a common source.—New York Ledger.

Interrupted Service.

At a small church in Maine the regular organist happened to be absent, and the congregation, in which were a few summer visitors, was obliged to sing the hymns without instrumental aid and under the pastor's leadership. One hymn, apparently not familiar to many, came several times to a distressing halt and finally died out altogether.

The minister, rather irritated, sat down as if determined not to continue the service until the singing met his approbation.

An oppressive silence fell upon the little company, broken at last by a deacon's prayer.

"O Lord," he said, "touch the heart of our pastor, that he may be moved to go on with the service."

Not to be outdone, the minister rose and prayed earnestly that the congregation might have their eyes opened to their faults and be willing to do their part and not put all the labor on their spiritual shepherd.

Another embarrassing pause followed, which seemed likely to last for the remainder of the day. Finally a woman rose in the rear pew and faintly petitioned that a spirit of harmony might rest upon pastor and people and move them to union and peace. Then a shrill voice struck up a familiar anthem, the ice was broken, "all joined" in the singing, and the service went forward.—Youth's Companion.

Dangerous Picks.

"Stop chewing toothpicks, young man, if you value your life," said a physician to one of his patients. "You unconsciously swallow little shreds of the wood, which are not digestible, and which become compact in the stomach. Finally you are annoyed by a hacking cough and the spitting of blood, and you do not know what is the matter with you. You imagine you have consumption or some similar affliction when it is only the foreign substance in your stomach that makes the strongest protest against your carelessness or ignorance in allowing it to accumulate there. Stop chewing wooden toothpicks and swallowing quack nostrums, and by taking ordinary care of yourself you will live out the allotted threescore and ten years."—Exchange.

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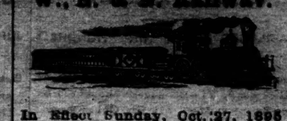

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NORTH BOUND	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND
No. 3		No. 1
P M	—WILMINGTON— Lv	P. M
3 00	Lv.. Mulberry street ..Ar	12 40
5 55	Lv.. Jacksonville Lv	10 49
4 30	Lv.. Maysville.....Lv	9 09
4 44	Lv.. Pollocksville.....Lv	8 55
6 1	Ar.. Newbern Lv	7 30
P M		A M

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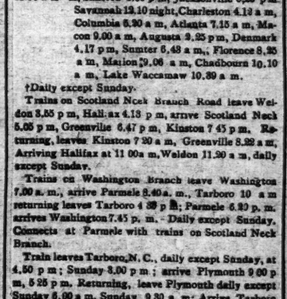

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 17, 1895.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.47 a m, Warsaw 11.01 a m, Goldsboro 11.18 a m, Wilson 12.40 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.26 p m, Weldon 3.33 p m, Petersburg 5.30 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 8.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.55 a m, Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.00 P M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 p m, Warsaw 8.46 p m, Goldsboro 9.26 p m, Wilson 10.39 p m, †Tarboro 6.56 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 a m, Weldon 1.01 a m, †Norfolk 10.35 a m, Petersburg 9.37 a m, Richmond 3.40 a m, Washington 7.00 a m, Baltimore 8.33 a m, Philadelphia 10.40 a m, New York 1.33 p m, Boston 3.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.30 P M No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.45 p m, Chadbourn 5.19 p m, Marion 6.39 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 8.48 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 11.13 p m, Savannah 1.19 a m, Jacksonville 7.55 a m. St. Augustine 10.15 a m, Tampa 6.00 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 3.55 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.00 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.58 a m, Tarboro 12.20 p m, Rocky Mount 1.05 p m, Wilson 2.10 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.05 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 10.00 a m No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 p m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 a m, Baltimore 3.55 p m, Washington 6.46 p m, Richmond 7.50 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.10 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 5.58 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 p m, leave Wilson 6.20 a m, Goldsboro 7.05 a m, Warsaw 8.02 a m, Magnolia 8.15 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 11.50 a m No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.50 a m, Sanford 1.00 p m, Jacksonville 6.20 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 4.12 a m, Columbia 8.30 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 3.35 p m, Denmark 4.17 p m, Sumter 5.48 a m, Florence 8.35 a m, Marion 9.06 a m, Chadbourn 10.10 a m, Lake Waccamaw 10.39 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p m, Halifax 4.18 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 p m, Greenville 6.47 p m, Kinston 7 45 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 30 a m, Greenville 8.32 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7.00 a. m., arrive Parmele 8.40 a. m., Tarboro 10 a m returning leaves Tarboro 4 30 p m; Parmele 6.30 p. m. arrives Washington 7.45 p. m. - Daily except Sunday.

Connects at Parmele with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, at 4.50 p m; Sunday 3.00 p m; arrive Plymouth 9.00 p m, 5.35 p m. Returning, leave Plymouth daily except Sunday 8.00 a m, Sunday 9.30 a m; Arrive Tarboro 10.35 a m and 11.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 6 05 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 7.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield, N. C., 8.00 a m; arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 9.30 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 3.00 p m.

Trainson South and North Carolina Railroad leave Elliott 11 23 a m and 7.15 p m, Lucknow 1 00 p m, and 8 15 p m; returning leave Lucknow 6 30 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 00 a m and 3 30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 8 40 a m, arrive Latta 9.01 a m, Dillon 9 19 a m, Rowland 9 31 a m, returning leaves Rowland 6 03 p m, arrives Dillon 6.21 p m, Latta 6.34 p m, Pee Dee 6.57 p m, daily. Latta Branch trains leave Latta 6 40 p m, arrive Clio 7 05 p m. returning leave Clio 6 10 a m, arrive Latta 7 50 a m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Conway Railroad, leave Hub at 8.15 a m, Chadbourn 10.30 a m, arrive Conway 12.35 p m, leave Conway 2 30 p m, Chadbourn 5.35 p m, arrive Hub 6.50 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.15 a m, 5.45 p m, *2.50 a m, 7.35 p m, arrive Darlington 9.05 a m, 6.30 p m, 9.30 a m, 8 p m, Hartsville *10 a m and 8.50 p m, Bennettsville 8 54 p m, Gibson 9 39 p m, Cheraw, S. C., 11.15 a m, Wadesboro, 1.10 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3.00 p m, Cheraw 5.45 p m, Gibson 6 ff a m, Bennettsville 6 16 a m, Hartsville 6.30 a m, *6 45 a m, Darlington 7.30 a m, *7 30 p m, 4.30 p m, 6.05 p m, arrive Florence 7.55 a m, *7 55 a m, 5 p m, 6 45 p m, †Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 5.50 p m, Manning 6.31 p m, arrive Lane's 7 p m, leave Lanes 8.38 a m, Manning 9.16 a m, arrive Sumter 9.44 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.20 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilcox and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 3.53 p m, Smithfield 5.03 p m, Dunn 5.44 p m, Fayetteville 4.30 p m, 1.07 a m, Parkland 6.05 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 21 a m, Fayetteville 10.55 a m, 9.40 p m, Dunn 11.44 a m, Smithfield 12.25 p m, Selma 12.53 p m, arrive Wilson 1.30 p m, 11.25 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Darlington *7 25 a m, arrives Sumter *8 53 a m. Leave Sumter *10 a m, arrives Pregnalls *10.40 p m. Leaves Sumter 4 32 a m, arrives Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leaves Denmark 4 17 p m, arrive Sumter 6 01 p m. Leaves Pregnall *5 30 a m, arrives Sumter *6 05 p m. Leaves Sumter *6 25 p m, arrives Darlington *7 25 p m. †Daily except Sunday.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY	MAIN LINE	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 1.		No. 2.
7 55 p m	Ar.. Wilmington ..Lve	7 20 a m
4 45 "	Lv.. Fayetteville ..Ar	10 35 "
4 25 "	Ar Fayetteville ..Lv	10 55 "
4 03 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	10 30 "
3 19 "	Lv .. Sanford ..Ar	12 19 p m
1 39 a m	Lv.. Climax.. Lv	2 56 "
1 05 "	Lv.. Greensboro.. Ar	3 30 "
12 58 "	Ar.. Greensboro.. Lv	3 50 "
12 13 p m	Lv.. Stokesdale.. Lv	4 39 "
11 45 "	Lv.. Walnut Cove.. Ar	4 31 "
11 35 "	Ar.. Walnut Cove.. Lv	4 39 "
1 05 "	Lv.. Rural Hall.. Lv	5 71 "
9 35 "	Lv.... Mt Airy.... Ar	6 45 "
SOUTH BOUND DAILY	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 3.		No. 4.
7 10 p m	Ar.. Bennettsville..Lv	8 20 "
6 15 "	Lv.. Maxton.. Ar	9 13 "
5 49 "	Lv.. Red Springs..Lv	9 55 "
4 58 "	Lv.. Hope Mills..Lv	10 33 "
4 38 "	Lv.. Fayetteville..Ar	10 52 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday.	Factory and Madison Branches	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday.
No. 15. MIXED.		No. 16. MIXED.
5 50 p m	Ar.. Ramse

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1895

SPOTS AND FUTURES

The Visible Supply of Cotton—New York Sun's Review of the Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 8,-905 690 bales, of which 3 540 490 bales are American, against 4,899 083 bales and 4 070,883 bales respectively last year. Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 171,676 bales. Receipts from the plantations 257,748 bales. Crop in sight 4,188,427 bales.

The *Sun* says: Cotton rose seven points, reacted and closed barely steady at a net advance of one to two points with sales of 68 800 bales. Liverpool was firmer and unchanged on the spot with sales of 10,000 bales. Futures advanced one to one and a half points and closed very steady. The port receipts were 33 703 bales. Spot cotton here was quiet and unchanged.

To-day's features: It was a small affair to-day, the cotton speculation, nor is it expected to be other than small for some weeks to come. But though the market is narrow it is believed to be just as hard. At any rate it advanced to-day, and though part of the advance was lost, it closed at some improvement on the day. One of the best features is the continued activity in Liverpool. Lancashire spinners are replenishing their supplies with a celerity that gives evidence of their belief that the American crop is short and besides Continental spinners are said to be buying in Liverpool. Providence and Fall River manufacturers, it is stated, are drawing on their reserve stocks. The receipts in the main are small, notwithstanding that a certain amount of Christmas cotton is likely to come forward at about this time in accordance with a good old custom of the South where a hearty celebration of the great festival is traditional. Nevertheless, the arrivals not only at the ports, but at such leading interior markets as Memphis and Houston are far below those of a year ago. Toward the close to-day there was more or less Sou hern wire business in the shape of long liquidation for operators who trade for about five points as usual around the holidays. This liquidation and a little local selling caused the recession. The exports lately have shown a tendency to increase, and although they are considerably less than a year ago, and the total since the opening of the season is 1,000,000 bales below that for the corresponding period last year, it is of interest to observe that in spite of this fact, the stock at the ports is 251,603 bales smaller than at this time in 1894. But the bulls at the moment are more encouraged by the phenomenal activity in Liverpool than by anything else. German operators bought to-day.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat Closed Lower—Corn and Oats Declined in Price—Pork Products Closed Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 14.—The week's business in wheat, which still remained open this morning, was cleaned up pretty well before the close, and for a half holiday there was quite an active session. A decline of ¼@¼d at Liverpool afforded no encouragement and was the cause of a fractionally lower opening, which, however, proved to be the outside quotations for the day. May wheat opened at 60⅜c. declined to 60c, where it closed ½c—under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and ¼@½c per bushel lower.

The sentiment in corn was decidedly adverse to prices. May corn opened at 28¼c declined to and closed at 28⅛—⅜c under yesterday. Cash corn was steady, but closed nominally easy and ¼c lower.

From being the strongest grain market on the floor this morning, oats, in the last hour, became the weakest and lost ½c from yesterday. The early buying was for "Short" account and by the elevators. May closed ⅝c under yesterday. Cash oats were weak and ¼c @ ½c per bushel lower.

Provisions—The receipts of hogs this week were just a trifle below the expecattion, and a moderate decrease in the arrivals next week is looked for. That fact and the strength of the market at the yards stimulated the product a little to day. Whilst there was no particular vigor to the buying, there was however, less inclination to sell. At the close, May pork was 7½c higher than yesterday; May lard and ribs each 5c higher. Domestic markets were firm and foreign steady.

THURMAN'S FUNERAL

Held at the Family Residence—Gov. McKinley and State Officials Present.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O, December 14.—The brief and simple burial services of Allen G. Thurman were held at the family residence, at Washington avenue and Rich street, this morning. There were many more present than could be admitted to the house, notwithstanding the private character of the funeral. A profusion of flowers covered the space about the coffin, which was placed in the archway leading from the residence the deceased had occupied to that occupied by his son, Allen W. Thurman.

Among the early arrivals were Gov. McKinley, accompanied by the State officials. Ex Governor Campbell and Hon. L T. Neal, of Chilicothe, were also present. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. J. L Grover, himself 89 years of age and a close friend of the deceased. Mr. Grover officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Thurman three years ago and the service deeply impressed Judge Thurman, who at that time requested Rev. Mr. Grover to repeat it at his funeral. The services consisted of the reading of the 9th Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, reading of the special funeral rite, reading from the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, "Now is Christ risen and become the first fruits of them that slept," followed by the benediction.

A dispatch from Raleigh says twelve cars of the through freight train on the Seaboard Air Line were derailed and wrecked near Warren Plains to-day. Passenger trains are delayed by the accident.

A dispatch from Madrid says that General Martinez Campos has resigned command of the Spadish army in Cuba and will be succeeded by General Wayler, at present commanding the Fourth corps of the Spanish army, with headquarters at Barcelona.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Spirits turpentine quiet and firm at 27½@28c. Rosin quiet and steady.

CHARLESTON, December 14.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 25c; receipts 28 casks. Rosin firm; good strained $1 20 @1 30; receipts 540 barrels.

SAVANNAH, December 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25½c; sales 500 casks; receipts 588 casks. Rosin—water white and window glass dull at 95c decline; other grades firm with a good demand; A, B and C $1 25, D $1 35, E $1 45, F $1 50, G $1 55, H $1 60, I $1 75, K $1 90, M $2 50, N $3 50, window glass $3 00, water white $3 35.

A BIG FAILURE.

LIABILITIES ABOUT NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

James B. Pace, Banker and Capitalist, of Richmond, Va.—His Assets Thought to be Sufficient to Meet All His Obligations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, December 14.—Mr. James B. Pace, the well known banker and capitalist, made an assignment this afternoon. The deed, in which Mrs. Pace unites, conveys all of his real and personal property, including stocks and bonds, to Judge George L. Christain and Mr. J. J. Montague, as trustees, for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are placed at about $900,000. The assets are not given but are thought by those acquainted with Mr. Pace's affairs to be ample to meet all of his obligations and leave a very considerable balance.

Mr. Pace's failure was a great surprise to the business community, and there were in all quarters expressions of the deepest sympathy for him. The deed was filed in the chief clerk's office of the Chancery Court shortly before 4 o'clock. The first news of the failure was quickly followed by the welcome assurance that neither the Planter's National Bank nor any of the other financial institutions over which Mr. Pace presided, or in which he was interested, would be affected in the slightest degree by his embarrassment. The assignment is purely a personal one, brought about, it is believed, by continued sickness which prevented Mr. Pace from giving his personal attention to his large and varied out-of-town interests at a critical time.

Besides being president of the Planters' National Bank the Virginia Trust Company and the Columbian Building and Loan Association, Mr. Pace was largely interested in many other industries here, as well as having important business interests in the North, West and South. None of the institutions with which he was connected will be in any way imbaired by his misfortune.

Mr. Pace had transferred to the bank some of his most valuable property in settlement of the $358,705 73 due to that institution.

Under the deed creditors are divided into five classes. The amount involved in the first class is $2 236, besides servants' hire, salary of employes, etc. The claims of creditors of the second class aggregate $204 000; those of the third class $74 829 14. The creditors of the fourth class are certain noteholders. The fifth class creditors are not enumerated in the deed, but comprise in the main Northern firms, banks and individuals, whose claims are estimated to aggregate about $400,000.

Before the assignment deed was filed yesterday Mr. Pace sent in his resignation as president of the bank, trust company and building and loan association. All these institutions held meetings this afternoon. Mr. J. S. Montague was elected president of the bank. Mr. Jas. N. Boyd president of the trust company, and the Columbian declined to accept the resignation.

At a meeting of the Clearing House Association, embracing the banks of this city, held at the request of Mr. J. J. Montague, the newly elected President of the Planters' National Bank and Mr. J. N. Boyd, the President of the Virginia Trust Company, Mr. Montague made a statement of the condition of the Planters' Bank, by which it appears that all of the indebtedness of Mr. J. B. Pace to the bank has been settled, and the institution will not suffer the loss of a dollar by Mr. Pace's assignment.

Mr. J. N Boyd, the President of the Virginia Trust Company, made a similar statement as to that company, and Mr. Pace's indebtedness thereto.

Whereupon, it was resolved by the undersigned members of the association that they give this information to the public, with the assurance that it can be relied on as correct in every particular.

2 That the banks of this city will sustain the Planter's Bank and the Virginia Trust Company should they need any assistance.

[Signed]—First National Bank, by A. L Butware, President; the State Bank of Virginia, by Jno. S. Ellett, President; Savings Bank of Richmond, by R. A. Patterson, President; Merchants National Bank, by Fred R. Scott, Vice-President; National Bank of Virginia, by George L. Christian President; Citizens Bank of Richmond, by S. G. Wallace President; City Bank of Richmond, by Wm. H. Palmer, President; Metropolitan bank, by N. W. Nelson, President; Clearing House Association of Richmond, by Wm. H. Palmer, President.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

On His Way to Washington With a Big String of Ducks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, Dec. 14.—President Cleveland is to-night on Chesapeake Bay on his way to Washington. With him are Dr. O'Reilly, Commander Wildes and Light House Inspector Lamberton and four big strings of ducks. The President and his party left Hatteras early this morning on the Violet and arrived at Elizabeth City, N. C., at 5 o'clock this afternoon. This route was selected, owing to the fact that the Violet could not come through the canal, the water having gone down to a depth of only five feet. At Elizabeth City a special train was secured over the Norfolk and Western Railroad and the party left there at 7 o'clock to-night, arriving in Berkley, a suburb of Norfolk, at exactly 9 30 o'clock. At the railroad wharf the steamer Maple was waiting and it took just twelve minutes to transfer the ducks and luggage of the party to the Maple, which cast off her lines and started for the National capital at 9.48 o'clock. The President said he had fairly good luck, but had experienced some rough weather. He said he had heard of Thurman's death with deep regret, but declined to talk of affairs of State. He will reach Washington Sunday night.

COURT HOUSE BURNED

At Murphy, Cherokee County, N. C.—All the Records Saved.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 14.—A special from Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee county, in the western part of the State, says that the new court house there was burned yesterday at 5 p. m. All the records were saved. The loss was $40,000; no insurance. The court house is notable because made of marble, presenting a beautiful appearance. The fire caught from the flue of a chimney, thus communicating to the wood work.

BANK STATEMENT

Weekly Statement of Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The weekly statement of the associated banks shows the following changes: Reserve decrease, $1,903,950; loans increase, $3,700,900; specie increase, $123,900; legal tenders decrease $2,684,600; deposits increase, $1,869,000; circulation decrease $12 900. The banks now hold $18,-891 325 in excess of the 25 per cent. legal requirements.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effects of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

JUSTIN M'CARTHY'S SPEECH IN FAVOR OF SECTARIAN EDUCATION

Calculated to Alienate Sympathy of the Liberals for Home Rule in Ireland—A Startling Declaration from Italy Regarding the Intervention of the Government in the Event of the Death of the Pope.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 14.—Mr. Justin McCarthy, the leader of the anti-Parnellite section of the Irish Parliamentary party, delivered a speech at Walworth last Tuesday, in which he definitely committed that party to support the Tory schemes for sectaian education. Since then, the disposition of the Liberals to throw home rule for Ireland overboard has become more decided. Mr. McCarthy obviously expects to obtain a compact with the Government under which a Roman Catholic university would be established in Ireland, besides satisfying the Catholic clericals in England by assisting to pass a measure that they have long desired. No policy could more absolutely alienate the sympathies of the Liberals.

The *Speaker* asks if the Irish realizes the fact that by thus attacking their English allies on a purely English question they will find it more difficult than ever to heal the breach. Already a distinguished Radical member of the late Parliament who was a most pronounced and ardent home-ruler, has retired from an important honorary post held by him in the English Home Rule Union, owing to his disgust with the Irish members for going over bodily to the enemy, not on an Irish, but on an English question.

The *Methodist Times*, the recognized organ of the Methodist Liberals, declares that if the Irish members of the House of Commons swell the majority following the Archbishop of Canterbury, home rule will pass out of the range of practical politics.

These warnings, however true they may be, will not deter the Irish from obeying the orders of their clerical advisors and all will move entirely in consonance with the general Catholic sentiment. Many Liberals will now get quit of home rule with a general feeling of relief, and will aspire to consolidate the party on the old lines that will be acceptable to the Duke of Devonshire, President of the Council; the Right Hon Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary; Lord James, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and other Unionists who are certain to refuse to follow Lord Salisbury if he attempts to gratify the Anglican clericals by an extension of the State grants to sectarian schools.

Sir T. W Reed, editor of the *Speaker*, who has recently had interviews with leading Italian statesmen, gives semi-official importance to a startling declaration in the issue of that paper to day regarding the intention of the Italian Ministerialists in the event of the Pope's death. The sum of his long argument which, it is stated, represents the views of the Italian Government, is that the conclave which will elect the next Pope must be held outside of Italy. The Government means to provide for what is called an honorable exodus of the conclave. The practical common sense of the Italian people is beginning to see that a foreign Pope would be practically unable to pose as a pretender to a temporal throne in Italy, while to an Italian Pope residing abroad, such an attitude would involve the loss of the spiritual supremacy of the Italian Church, and the State protecting him would be bound by the international laws applicable to pretenders disturbing the peace of other States.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Speaker Reed Arranging House Committees—Not Likely That They Will be Announced Before Next Saturday—Senate Committee — Additional Chairmanships Agreed Upon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—Speaker Reed worked until midnight last night at his rooms at the Shoreham, arranging the House committees. He has denied himself to all callers except such of the members as he desires personally to consult. Notwithstanding the belief to the contrary, a number of Representatives declined to embarrass the Speaker by applying for committee assignments Mr. Reed, therefore, has sent for these gentlemen and consulted with them as to their preference, believing that he can better perform his work with this knowledge than without it. It is not likely that the committees will be ready to be announced before next Saturday, which will doubtless delay the holiday adjournment until that date.

Col. E Lampson, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Ohio and for a term Speaker of the House of Representatives and a member of the State Senate and President *pro tem* of that body, was to day appointed Reading Clerk of the House. The position pays $8.600 per annum.

State dinners and public receptions will be given this winter on alternate Thursdays during the season by the President.

The Republican Caucus Committee charged with the duty of making the majority assignments to the Senate committees held a protracted meeting this afternoon and adjourned until Monday, when the final report will be drawn for submission to the caucus to be held Tuesday, immediately after the Senate adjourns. A number of additional chairmanships were finally agreed upon to day, In addition to those that have been heretofore named in these dispatches were the following: Civil Service and Retrenchment, Pritchard of North Carolina; Education and Labor, Shoup of Idaho; Enrolled Bills, Sewell of New Jersey; to Examine the several branches of the Civil Service, Peffer of Kansas, Populist; Improvement of the Mississippi river, Nelson of Minnesota; Indian Depredations, Wilson of Washington; Manufactures, Wetmore of Rhode Island; Mines and Mining, Stewart of Nevada, Populist; Relations with Canada, Carter of Montana; Revision of the Laws, Burrows of Michigan; To Investigate the Geological Survey, Elkins of West Virginia; Forest Reservations, Allen of Nebraska, Populist.

The Committees on Irrigation, Organization, Expenditures in the Executive Departments, Pacific Railroads, Railroads, Transportation and Routes to the Seaboard, Quadro Centennial, National Banks, and to Investigate Trespassers on Indian Lands, have not been definitely determined, all of them being set apart for the new men.

A SILVER LEAGUE.

Organized in Nebraska for the Approaching Political Campaign.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, December 14.—About fifty men of all parties from various parts of the State met here to-day and organized the Nebraska Silver League. The object of this organization is to wage a decisive campaign in the primaries of the four parties to nominate candidates in favor of free coinage of silver. An executive committe consisting of Gov. Silas A. Holcomb, Populist, Congressman Bryan, Democrat, ex-Congressman Law, Republican, and W. H. Hardy, Prohibitionist, was appointed. County organizations will be formed in all parts of the State.

A London dispatch says the Duchess of York was delivered of a son at Sandringham Hall yesterday morning. Mother and child are doing well.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Proceedings of Yesterday's Session—Raleigh Selected as the Next Place of Meeting.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK VA., December 14.—The *Virginian's* special from Elizabeth City, N. C., says: The fourth day's session of the North Carolina Conference opened this morning at the regular hour. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Jenkins, of Cary. Transfer certificates were presented by Rev. A. W. Crumple, of the Tennessee Conference, and Ernest N. Fox, of the North Carolina Conference.

The characters of a large number of preachers were passed. The names of R. W. Townsend and C. R. Taylor were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The District Conference Records Committee reported that a majority of the records were properly kept.

Edward Kelley, John W. Gibson, Wesley E Craven, Wm. C Merritt and Wm. E Hocutt were admitted to full membership and ordained deacons.

Question No. 40: "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called, and invitations extended for Raleigh by Rev E A Yates and Rev. J O Guthrie for Kinston. On ballot Raleigh was selected by a vote of 77 to 73. The selection was then made unanimous.

Report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read and five sections of the same adopted.

Rev Dr. E E Hoss, of the Nashville *Christian Advocate* made a brief address in behalf of the *Missionary Review*

The first afternoon session of the Conference was held to-day. The report on education was considered and a speech of one hour was made by President Kilgo, of Trinity College, in support of Christian education. Addresses were also made by Professors Peacock of Greensboro and Rhodes of Littleton Female Colleges.

To night a meeting of the Board of Missions was held.

FINANCIAL SITUATION.

As Shown by Statement of the Associated Banks of New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The *Financier* says this week: "The statement of the associated banks of this city for the week ending December 14th shows an unexpected expansion of $8,-170 900 in loans, which must be attributed as much to the speculative excitement of the past ten days as to a legitimate demand from mercantile sources for money.

The interior movement of currency for the week netted the New York banks not less than two and one half million dollars. This is probably counted in the statement. Against this should be placed the loss through withdrawals of legal tenders for the old shipments of the last part of last week, and the one million dollars withdrawn during the current week. These losses have nearly offset the gain, but the statement does not show it, since the banks report a decrease of $1 684 600 in legal tenders and a gain of $123 900 in specie, making the net cash loss of $1,560,500 The increase in deposits amounted to $1 869,000 and although this acquired a higher total bank reserve the excess reserve as a result of the week's operations decressed nearly two million dollars. The specie item is slowly increasing, but this accumulation is not at the expense of the Treasury, which is actually gaining gold from the banks of the country. The only inference is that the clearing house banks are going to first sources for their specie, perhaps buying assay office receipts from the producers or bullion dealers. At any rate they cannot be accused of helping themselves at the expense of the Treasury.

The gold holdings of the New York banks are still about fourteen million less than the highest total reported this year.

BRADLEY A CANDIDATE

For Nomination for the Presidency by the Republican National Convention.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—A special from Frankfort, Ky., says: Gov. Bradley is a candidate for President. It seems to be settled beyond question that he will be endorsed by Kentucky Republicans and missionaries will go to Washington and make trips to Southern and neighboring Northern States to whoop up the boom. But one local complication has beset Bradley so far, and this is the candidacy of H. Clay Evans of Tennessee, for Vice President. Should McKinley fail of the nomination, it is believed Bradley, owing to the neighborly relations, would fall heir to a majority at least of the votes from Ohio Ex-Gov. Foraker and Gov. Bradley have long been intimate friends and some say that Bradley will have the quiet support of Ohio's next Senator, and his open assistance should no candidate from that State appear available. The States which are considered certain to instruct for Bradley are: Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Missouri and one or two other Southern States. Bradley's friends say that all of the Southern delegates except Tennessee's will be made up with reference to Gov. Bradley's candidacy and will be controlled by him.

FLORIDA FIREBUGS.

Preliminary Hearing of the Case Against Hamburg and Garner, Accused of Arson at Titusville.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TITUSVILLE, FLA., December 14.—Owing to the strong guard maintained about the jail, no attempt has been made to lynch Messrs. Hamburg and Garner, accused of starting the fire which destroyed about forty buildings at this place and resulted in Sam O'brien being cremated. The preliminary hearing of Hamburg and Garner was begun to day but was not concluded. No evidence has been adduced against Garner, but circumstances are very damaging to Hamburg. It was brought out to-day that Hamburg sent all his clerks away Thursday morning and told them not to return till Friday. It was also shown that Hamburg had $13,000 insurance on his stock and that the policies would have expired December 15th. The hearing will be resumed Monday, when the prosecution promise direct testimony implicating Hamburg. The jail is still guarded to prevent any attempt being made to lynch the accused.

DEATH FROM POISON.

Hon. Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GETTYSBURG, PA., December 14.—The Hon. Edward McPherson died at 7 o'clock this morning from the effects of poison taken in mistake for other medicine. He was accustomed to take a tonic under a physician's prescription, and accidentally got a bottle containing tincture of nux vomica. He instantly discovered his mistake and medical aid was summoned, but all efforts were unavailing. A wife and five children survive him.

Byron Dozier, a well known sporting man and pool player, was fatally stabbed in Norfolk, Va., last night by Joseph Morrits, another well known sport. Morrits was arrested.

PATRIOT CLUB.

Declaration of Principles—Will Not Affiliate with Any Party Which Adheres to Gold Monometallism.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 13.

The Patriot Club of Wilmington, N C, met last night and adopted the following declaration of principles, viz:

We, as citizens of North Carolina, believing that true patriotism is an unselfish devotion to the interest of the whole people, both State and National, and that the highest duty of the citizens is to ignore selfish ends in the consideration of public questions, and further believing that the advocates of gold monometallism constitute a capitalistic league for the purpose of promoting centralization in the interest of a plutocracy rather than the distribution of wealth in the interest of a true democracy, and that the future of a popular form of government is seriously threatened; and further believing that the existing parties are alike in sympathy with gold monometallism, in direct hostility to the producing and commercial interest of the nation, and also to the purposes distinctly enunciated by the founders of our Government, recognizing both gold and silver as the money metals and providing for the unrestricted coinage of the same; and further believing that the people can expect no relief from either of the existing national political parties as now administered, and that relief can only come through the intelligent action of the people forming into line and organizing and aligning ourselves under one banner, the Patriot, which will truly represent the great commercial and industrial interest of the nation, do hereby declare our unalterable purpose not to officiate with any party organization which adheres to gold monometallism, and to organize Patriot clubs with a view to a national organization with the following as the tenets of our political faith

1st. A tariff for revenue and enough tariff for enough revenue to be independent of shylocks.

2nd. Gold and silver bimetallism on the parity of 16 to 1 and the free coinage of both metals.

3d. Abolition of National banks.

4th. An amendment to the Constitution, providing for a graduated income tax.

5th. A government legal tender currency redeemable in either gold or silver, with the further right to the States themselves to establish State banks of issue, redeemable in gold or silver or the legal tender Treasury note of the Government on presentation.

J. J. CLEMMONS, Secretary. B. F. KEITH, President.

INSURANCE SWINDLERS.

The Trials at Beaufort—Hassell Convicted in Another Case.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWBERN, December 14.—In the Beaufort grave-yard insurance cases C. H. Hassell, has been convicted in his second case of false pretences, and the conspiracy cases against L. T. Noe, G. C. Delamar, S. C. Delamar and T. B Delamar are now being tried. David Parker colored, turned State's evidence in this case and has been examined. Hassell is out under bond. The probability is that all convicted, white and black, will appeal and give bond.

DRY GOODS MARKET

Quiet in All Departments—Decided Improvement in Retail Business.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The dry goods market to-day has presented a decidedly quiet appearance in all departments. The tone has continued easy on staples, with prices ruling irregular, but not appreciably lower than a week ago. Woollens and worsteds have hardly sold up to expectations, and advances in price made at the opening of the season in new heavy weights have not always been retained. The best feature has been the retail business, which is reported to have shown decided improvement under favoring weather influences.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED

On the Cincinnati Southern—Two Men Killed and Others Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

LEXINGTON, KY., December 14.—Freight train No. 81, on the Cincinnati Southern, ran into the caboose of a wrecked train at the tunnel this side of High Bridge this morning, instantly killing L J Duval and Michael O'Day, both of this city. John Wind, of Macon, Ga., and Henry Miller, of this city, were injured, the former seriously. He may not recover.

Engineer Biss and the fireman of the freight escaped unhurt. The road was blockaded for several hours.

WARM WIRELETS.

The official call has been issued for the National Republican Convention to meet in St. Louis, Mo., June 16th, 1896.

Secretary Hoke Smith has gone to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the funeral of Capt. Harry Jackson, his brother-in-law.

The National Committee of the People's party will meet in St. Louis January 17th, 1896, to make arrangements for holding the National Convention.

Gen. Miles had a busy day inspecting the artillery school and post at Fort Monroe. He complimented Col Frank, commander, on the thorough course of instruction and excellent results obtained by the school.

A dispatch from Winston, N. C., says fire destroyed eleven stores in Bethel Friday night. The buildings were the principal business houses in the town. The loss is estimated at $35,000, half of which is covered by insurance.

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, has been forced to issue a bulletin to hold back office seekers who are monopolizing his time. The bulletin announced that the Governor has selected his private secretary, without naming him.

A Raleigh dispatch says L. Banks Holt has decided to sell at auction at New York, next February, all his string of horses, headed by the noted pacing stallion John R. Gentry. Among the other horses are Baronet and Gregorian.

Buy No Others.

All persons are hereby cautioned against buying copies of the STAR offered for sale on the streets unless, in every case, the words "For Transient Sale" are stamped on the margin of the paper. Should any newsboy or carrier offer for sale a copy of the STAR not so stamped he should be promptly reported at this office.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

CONCERNING COTTON.

Hubbard Bros & Co.'s Review of the Market—Manufacturing Spinners Free Buyers—Belief That There Will be an Advance in Prices After the Holidays.

NEW YORK, December 13.

With the quieting of the discussion over the Eastern question the market has assumed a more favorable tone, due principally to the continued demand from Manchester spinners, who are free buyers in Liverpool, of a larger quantity of cotton than their consumption calls for, and they are therefore adding to their reserve supplies. It is a curious feature of the situation that neither the American nor the Continental spinners show the same disposition to secure supplies at present prices, though this explanation is offered, that the surplus stock held by these spinners must have been larger than estimated at the beginning of the season. It is true that the trade conditions in America are not as favorable as they were sixty days ago, and that the cotton goods sold at that time have not been distributed among the consumers but remain on the shelves of the interior merchants. This condition at home is causing an accumulation of goods at the mills but in view of the improvement in conditions over 1893 and 1894 it is not regarded as a serious matter excepting as it shows the supply of cotton in spinners' hands to have been greater than generally believed, and as tending to restrict speculation.

On the Continent it is believed that trade conditions are good and the apathy of spinners toward American cotton is attributed to the offerings of Bombay cotton at relatively lower prices. Notwithstanding the axiom in the trade that Manchester always buys at the wrong moment, a distinct change in feeling has come over the New York market regarding the course of prices during the next three months based on the distribution of the crop and the decrease in the visible supply as compared with previous seasons, while those who for some time past have expected lower prices are now pursuing a conservative policy refraining from anticipating any decline until the situation becomes more defined. The movement of the crop has been on an increasing scale, though that factor is regarded as the usual marketing of cotton towards the end of the year, and is believed to indicate nothing more than this annual settlement of accounts.

Speculation is not a factor in any of the markets which are sustained by the demand from Manchester. The trade expects the continuance of this demand after the turn of the year will bring to the market an increased speculative demand from Edrope which will start the American markets and there has been a general closing of accounts in preparation for this expected season of speculative activity.

It is thought that the planter after paying his Christmas obligations will hold the remainder of his crop, thereby bringing about a decrease in the movement and a consequent advance in prices. This is one of the main reasons submitted for an active market. On the other hand it is clear that speculation has been sadly hurt in every direction, and that if present prices are maintained the preparations for the growing crop will exceed those of any previous season. Fertilizers are being made in large quantities, with the idea that the planters will use at least ten per cent. more than ever before.

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Chickens—Two hundred just received. A lot of nice Pork Hogs at 5 cents per pound delivered anywhere in the city. Also a few dressed Geese, live Turkeys, Eggs, etc., at lowest prices. Mill McKinnon, Wholesale and Retail Grocer, No. 8 South Water street. c31

"Welcome Week" will not come this year, but our extra fine bananas in abunda ce, and a full line of fine large red Apples from the West, also, 150 crates of selected N. C Mountain Apples, mixed Nuts, Raisins, Dates, &c., are already here for our Christmas trade. A. S. Winstead & Co., Wholesale Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants. dec 13 D&W tf

Hello, Sports! Where are you? I am at corner Seventeenth and Market streets, where I can serve you a nice Oyster Roast with all refreshments. Call and see me. J. B Turner. dec 12 1w

Christmas Groceries—Just received one of the best assortments of Christmas and Holiday Groceries in the city, which I can sell at Low Prices. Courteous clerks and drivers will wait on you at any hour in the day. Give me a call, and satisfaction is guaranteed. Chas D Jacobs, North Front street, near Mulberry. dec 10 tf

Christmas Photographs—Everybody please come at once my new display of Photographs They are up to date in every respect. New scenery arrived. U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street dec 8 tf

The public is invited to inspect the windows of Mr. A P. Levy, proprietor of the French Cafe, as he has prepared a Thanksgiving Novelty and Treat. All customers are invited to call in and see his display, at 1.5 Princess street, Wilmington, N C. nov 28 tf

Telephone 161 For best quality of Wood and Coal delivered any where in the city call up Telephone 161. John H Whiteman & Son. nov 7 1m

The celebrated pale Kyffhauser Beer! Sold only by F. Richter, Wilmington, N C.

Baskets, Vegetable Baskets for the shipment of Peas, Beans, Cucumbers, etc. For sale at Jno. S. McEachern's Grain and Feed Store 211 Market street. c31

Hayden, P. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House c31

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

It Is Strange

How Easily Some People are Fooled Out of Their Hard Earned Money.

We don't think it right to advertise that we are going to sell you goods at a reduced price for cash and then not do it. During the past week this has been our experience. Customers have come in and bought of us and then tell us that we are selling cheaper than some of those *great big establishments* who claim to sell *cheap for cash*, but don't practice what they preach. Trade is coming our way and we are striving to take care of it. Don't fail to look at our

China Tables

AND OUR SHOW CASES FULL OF THINGS SUITABLE FOR

XMAS PRESENTS.

Remember bargains in

Oil, Coal and Wood Heaters,

COAL VASES

and other winter comforts. We are not afraid to compare prices with any establishment in the city.

Alderman Hardware Co.,

29 South Front Street.

dec 15 tf

TOYS! TOYS!

We have Dolls, Pianos, Bureaus, Tool Chests Chairs, Carts, Pistols, Tin Toys, Drums, and lots of other Toys for Santa Claus. Christmas comes but once a year, and old Santa Claus makes the Racket Store his headquarters. He says they are headquarters for all classes of goods. Ladies' Capes, Kid Gloves, fine Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, fine Trimmed Hats and Caps for all the family. Underwear and Hosiery of all kinds. The finest Air Gun in the State at 98c each. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Neckwear. Lace Curtains, Chenille Portiers, Poles and Trimmings. Carpets for Santa Claus presents. A handsome new Trunk, a Grip Bag, a Body Rug, a Chenille Table Cover, a fine Waterproof Gossamer, a gentleman's fine Mackintosh Coat, a Suit of Clothes for the boy, young man and old gentleman. A fine Beaver Overcoat at $6.50. Boys' Overcoats at $1.50 up to 5 50. A fine pair Sunday Pants for a young man. A fine Double barrelled Shot gun for the old gentleman at $8 98—London Twist Breech-loader. Remember we are headquarters for the Wilson Heaters They are the best and most economical Stoves that have ever been made. They are Cheap. Price—No. 8½ small size at $4 00, No 8, large size at $6 00; No. 9, special, at $6 50. These are Stoves that need no recommendation, they sell themselves. You know where to find us, at 119 North Front street, opposite the Orton House.

Braddy & Gaylord, Prop.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

P. S.—Mail orders attended to promptly the day they are received, and satisfaction guaranteed. dec 15 tf

A Comfortable Shoe

Is a happy combination of fine leather, superiority in manufacture and a perfect fit. You can't be easy unless your feet are. Our "Old Gents' comfort's Shoe" at $3.00 will make you easy and comfortable.

Our Pointed Toe Lace Shoes at $2.50 and $3.00 will give you both style and comfort. Don't fail to see our new "HEALTH AND COMFORT" SHOE with a felt innersole. Try one pair and you'll wear no other.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

nov 17 tf

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No Grass Grows Under OUR FEET.

It Don't